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Chapter 1

<– Chapter 1: Legend of Legend-Prologue –>

Prologue

-Congratulations on being summoned to the Canyon of Death.

“Canyon of Death?

As he looked around his surrounding, a shield and a sword revealed itself in front of Lee-joonhyuk.

-Please use the middle exit to leave.

Lee-joonhyuk was taken aback by the situation. First, he decided to carry the sword, and shield to protect himself. The moment he passed through the middle exit, he heard a different voice.

-Minion No. 00110230. Embark.

Then he could see many people spread out in front of him wearing the same cloth as him. They were all in the same situation, and they all looked around as if they didn't understand the current situation.

“What happened here?”

< Legend of Legend(LOL)-Prologue > End

Chapter 2

< LOL-Interview Day(1) >

Interview Day

Lee-joonhyuk checked his reflection in the mirror then he fixed his tie as he sighed.

“Whew. Lee-joonhyuk. You will do well.”

He spoke into the mirror as if he was trying to self-hypnotize himself. Then he closed the door of his closet. Then he looked around his room once more. His heart calmed down as he looked at his clean and organized room.

“Alright.”

Somehow, he felt everything will go well today.

Lee-joonhyuk stepped out wearing his polished dress shoe. Lee-joonhyuk came out of his rented room, and he walked towards the bus station with his smart phone out.

He walked as he read the hypothetical questions for his interview. He discovered a convenience store, so he headed towards it. He energetically opened the door as he caught sight of a woman standing next to the convenience store’s sales counter.

Ddalang. (TLN: bell ringing sfx)

“Welcome.”

The woman reflexively bowed, and she smiled as she saw Lee-joonhyuk.

“Are you going to an interview again?”

“Hahaha. That’s pretty much it. Do you have any banana milk?”

“We have it.”

Lee-joonhyuk brought two banana milks, and he put it on top of the sales counter. Shin-soyun, who was a part time worker at the convenience store,

watched Lee-joonhyuk as he paid for his banana milk. Lee-joonhyuk slid one of them towards her, and he spoke.

“Cheer up today.” (TLN: cheer up is the closest thing I can come up with. It is more like a mixture of keep up your energy/I hope you do well)

Shinsooyool put on a smile that dimpled her face then she made a fist towards Lee-joonhyuk.

“Cheer up.”

“ This time I’ll definitely stick.” (TLN: when koreans refers to getting into school or getting a job, we say we stuck the job)

Shinsooyool watched Lee-joonhyuk head outside after saying those words. She picked up the banana milk on the counter, and she took a gulp after planting a straw in it.

“I hope he does well this time.”

This was the 5th time Shinsooyool had seen this. Every time he failed the interview, and she felt sorry for him.

As she was drinking the banana milk, she heard the news coming from the radio.

-It is Friday today. The abnormal sleeping disorder and the mass coma situation was discovered four month ago from today. Please limit yourself from going outside as much as possible. I’ll repeat this information again. It is Friday today. The past...

Shin-sooyool mumbled as she was startled by the program.

“Surely, he’s not going to ride the bus?”

As he was waiting for the bus at the bus stop, Lee-joonhyuk looked at the hypothetical interview questions. As he saw the bus approach, he put away his smartphone.

When he got on the bus, there were less people than he expected. The only seat left was behind the driver’s seat. Since it was above the wheel, it was a bit uncomfortable.(TLN: in korean bus, the spare tire is located behind the bus driver’s seat, so the seat immediately behind is raised where your feet would be.) The door of the bus closed, and they were about to depart. Someone knocked

against the front door. The front door of the bus opened after a grandma knocked on the door. When the grandma got on the bus, Lee-joonhyuk got up from his seat.

“Please sit here.”

After the grandma looked around inside the bus, she sat on the seat offered by Lee-joonhyuk. Excluding Lee-joonhyuk’s seat, everyone was quite older than him.

As the grandma sat in the seat, she didn’t even say a word of thanks. However, Lee-joonhyuk didn’t mind. He started looking at his smartphone as he stood next to her.

As he was focused on the bus departing, his ear picked up the sound of the radio.

-Today is Friday. Up until now, the strange sleeping disorder and the mass coma situation happened on this particular day of the week. What ride did Miss Gahee ride coming to the studio?

Lee-joonhyuk’s ear tilted when he heard the name, Gahee. Gahee was his favorite female actress. Her fame wasn’t as high compared to her looks, but recently, she had been gaining favorable impressions as she appeared on various radio programs.

-Today is Friday, so I used the subway. After the incident two month ago, the subway employs three conductors, so I heard it was safe.

Lee-joonhyuk felt a sense of unease as he heard those words. It was inevitable, since he was riding a bus. When he looked around his surrounding, everyone was advanced in age. They didn’t seem too worried about their own safety.

-It happens every Friday. Over 6000 patients around the world develops the abnormal sleeping disorder, and they all fall into a coma within 1 hour. I believe the number has exceeded over 600,000?

Gahee’s voice shook slightly.

-I hope everyone will be able to wake up safely.

-The greatest scholars of our world is investigating this matter. They are

working hard at it, so I'm hoping for a good result. Well, shall we listen to today's story?

Lee-joonhuk took a deep breath.

-The abnormal sleeping disorder made one suddenly fall asleep, and it was categorized differently from a regular sleeping disorder. The difference was once they fell asleep, they couldn't be injured.

When someone became narcoleptic while driving, one would most definitely get into an accident. However, the person involved in the car accident was always unhurt. The only problem was they would fall into a comatose state, and not wake up.

Those who fell into the narcoleptic sleep was safe, but everyone else died. The biggest accident was an air plane crash. The pilot and co-pilot fell asleep, and it caused the plane to fall into a hotel.

At the time, it was a massive accident where more than 400 people had died. After this accident, the world's gaze was focused on this matter. Until that time, it was assumed people randomly fell into narcoleptic sleep, but a lot of facts came to light after the accident.

It was found that the narcolepsy only happened on Fridays. Those who fell into the narcoleptic sleep was all under 40 years old, and it didn't discriminate between genders. At the time, there were total 6000 people affected around the world.

Moreover, the people in the narcoleptic sleep could withstand any physical damage. However, after one hour, they would fall into a coma and their body would return to normal.

The nervous Lee-joonhyuk studied the driver's face. At a glance, he looked to be around 50 years old. Lee-joonhyuk relaxed, and he focused on his smart phone again.

He tried to focus on the hypothetical interview question, but his concentration had already been lost. He let out a light sigh, and he turned his ear towards the radio program.

Coincidentally, he heard Gahee's voice.

-I hope you all do well on whatever you do today. Everyone cheer up. I'll be

back next week.

At her words, Lee-joonhyuk felt his interview today will go well. The grandmother, who he gave his seat to, spoke to him.

“Young man.”

“Yes. Grandma.”

The grandma looked out the window.

“Did we cross the center line?”

“What?”

Lee-joonhyuk turned his head to look forward, and his face stiffened. They were slowly crossing over the center line. He quickly approached the driver, but he was already asleep.

“Damn!”

He was sure the narcolepsy only affected those under 40. Lee-joonhyuk desperately turned the handle, and he steered the vehicle back within the center line.

However, the sleeping driver was stepping on the gas pedal, so the distance between the car in front of them decreased rapidly.

Lee-joonhyuk quickly pressed on the horn.

Baaaaahhhng!

The car in front of them opened its window as he heard the loud blare. Then he thrust out his hand out the window, and he gave the middle finger.

“Get out of the way!”

He yelled at the front car, but the car leisurely drove at a constant speed. It was inevitable for the bus to hit the car.

Lee-joonhyuk turned the handle, and he barely avoided the front car. However, their speed had already increased by a slight amount, so they lightly hit the back bumper of the front car.

Geeeeeeeek!

The rough looking man didn't expect his car to be hit, so he put his head out

the window and yelled.

“You bitch, how dare you hit my car....”

As he was about to cuss out the driver, the man saw Lee-joonhyuk who was holding onto the handle. When he saw this, the man was startled, and he stopped swearing. The abnormal sleeping disorder was already a global issue. Even he knew about it.

“Move!”

After moving his car to the side, the man calmed his heart down.

“I almost became a dick.” (TLN: idiot/jerk)

As Lee-joonhyuk held onto the handle from next to the driver, he shouted.

“Someone help me!”

“What’s happening?”

Everyone was advanced in age, but there was an uncle, who looked to be in his 60s. He came over, and he started to slap the driver’s cheeks.

“Look here! Wake up!”

Slap! Slap!

Even though he was getting slapped, the driver had no indication of waking up. This was most definitely the abnormal sleeping disorder. Lee-joonhyuk spoke quickly with a stiffened expression.

“First, we’ll have to press the brake. Please hold the handle.”

“All right.”

As the uncle grabbed the handle, Lee-joonhyun slid the driver’s foot aside, which was pressing down on the gas pedal. Then he stuck his leg out to step on the brakes. His foot was barely able to touch the brake.

Geeeeeeeek.

The speed gauge read over 120 km/h, but the speed rapidly decreased. The speed decreased significantly, and Lee-joonhyuk let out a sigh.

“Whew.”

It was a nerve wrecking moment.

Boom!

From outside the window, he heard a loud noise. Lee-joonhyuk turned his gaze towards it, and his face stiffened. From across the center line, an abnormal sleep disorder patient must have formed. A car hit against a different car, and it bounced up into the air. It started to head towards them, and time seemed to slow for Lee-joonhyuk.

He hurriedly pulled back the uncle, who was holding on to the steering wheel, and Lee-joonhyuk realized he didn't have time to avoid it himself. The car that had bounced into the air had almost reached the front window.

Lee-joonhyuk suddenly thought about the symptoms of the abnormal sleep disorder. Once you fall asleep, one was able to withstand any physical impact. If he hadn't heard the radio program not too long ago, then he wouldn't have remembered it.

Lee-joonhyuk hurriedly wedged his body behind the driver. Then the flying car hit against the window.

Boom!

The window broke into pieces, and the bus shook a lot from the impact. Lee-joonhyuk, who had placed his body behind the driver's seat, almost lost his consciousness.

Fortunately, the car that flew towards them spun over the bus after it hit the front window, and it landed on top of the bus. If it flew into the bus after destroying the front window, Lee-joonhyuk would have died stuck in place.

Lee-joonhyuk pushed against the driver seat, and he stood up. For a moment, his head spun, but Lee-joonhyuk was barely able to stand after he grasped a pole.

When he looked back, everyone's complexion was deathly pale, but no one had died. The uncle who had held the handle was fine as he was pushed away just in time. He had some scratches from the glass, but he didn't seem to have any major wounds.

"Is everyone ok?"

“Young man. Are you okay?”

“I’m fine.”

The grandmother, who was sitting in the front seat, spoke to him as she took out a handkerchief for him.

“Your forehead is bleeding heavily.”

No wonder he was dizzy. It seemed his body wasn’t in a good condition. Lee-joonhyuk spoke as he pressed the handkerchief to his forehead.

“Thank you.”

“What do you mean thank you. You saved us so we should be thanking you more.”

Lee-joonhyuk spoke as he made a smile.

“We’ll have to ride a different bus. Let’s get off.”

Everyone carefully got out of their seats.

Geeeeeeeek.

At that moment, the roof of the bus couldn’t withstand the weight of the car. The roof was rapidly deforming as it descended. He saw a grandpa holding a sack having a hard time getting up.

Lee-joonhyuk quickly ran towards the grandpa. He grabbed him and rolled.

Boom!

The roof of the bus ripped and the car planted into the location where the grandpa was previously. Lee-joonhyuk let out a sigh of relief, and the grandfather he was hugging opened his mouth.

“Are you ok?”

“Yes. I’m fine. How about you, grandpa?”

“Your leg.”

Lee-joonhyuk didn’t know what he was talking about, so he looked down. He saw his left pant sleeve was ripped open. There was a long laceration on his shin, and blood was flowing out.

The grandfather opened the cloth sack he held, and he used it to wrap around the injury on Lee-joonhyuk's shin.

"I can do it."

"I was a medical officer back in the day. Stay still."

The grandfather spoke after he tightly bound the wound.

"Anyways, we are in trouble. How are we going to get off?"

Lee-joonhyuk stood up with all his might, and he went to grab the hammer meant to break the bus' window.

"Stand aside. We'll leave after I break the window."

"Can you do it with your injured body?"

When the car fell into the bus, the front and back of the bus was separated. There were 5 people in the back. He decided to take out the people in the back before rescuing the people in the front.

"I can do it."

Lee-joonhyuk spoke as if he was making a promise to himself. He swung the hammer in his hand, and he hit the window.

Chapter 3

TLN: I'm trying to release this novel on a regular basis, and any donation would be appreciated. I'll try to get Elqueeness out tomorrow.

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Lee-joonhyuk would be able to go through the bus window he broke, but it was impossible for the elders.

Lee-joonhyuk swung his hammer and he dug out the glass from the window frame.

“I’ll hold onto you, so come over here one by one.”

The grandfather, who had tied Lee-joonhyuk’s leg, stepped forward first. The sack had held a small urn, and he put it to the side. Then he went over the window frame.

Lee-joonhyuk grabbed his hand, and he helped him outside. This was when he saw a familiar face. It was the rough looking man, who wouldn’t move his car. He spoke as he held onto the grandpa’s leg.

“I’ll catch him, so hurry up.”

“Thank you.”

As soon as the man received the grandpa, he hurried to pass over the other people. After passing 4 people, the last grandma left hesitated.

“Eh-goo. This looks hard.”

“I’ll grab onto you.”

“Still.”

Lee-joonhyuk looked at the narcoleptic patient’s car, which had fallen in through the roof. The vehicle’s bonnet was completely crushed, and he spoke as he looked at it.

“If we aren’t careful, it might explode.”

As soon as the grandma tried to stall, Lee-joonhyuk hurriedly approached the grandma, and he lifted her up. Blood was soaking through the sack tied to his left shredded shin, but he didn't have time to worry about it. Lee-joonhyuk passed the grandma through the window. The rough looking man outside spoke as he received the grandma.

“The gas is leaking. Hurry up and come out.”

“Please wait.”

Lee-joonhyuk approached the fallen vehicle. The person, who went into a narcoleptic sleep, was comfortably sitting in his driver seat even though his car had been totaled.

First, he had to lead the others to safety.

“Young man. The front door isn't opening.”

“That's what I thought, so I brought a hammer.”

Lee-joonhyuk smiled, and he hurriedly approached the window to break it. After he scraped the remaining glass off of the window frame, he realized he had left his dress jacket in the back.

“Shit.”

As he tried to hurriedly head back, his jumper was caught from the window. When he turned back, the rough looking man was smiling.

“Hurry up and get them off.”

Lee-joonhyuk quickly helped down the rest of the people left inside the bus. The only ones left was Lee-joonhyuk and the bus driver. Also, there was the person with the abnormal sleeping disorder, who had flown in through the roof inside his car.

Lee-joonhyuk decided to rescued the bus driver first. He tried to release the seat-belt, but it seemed to be broken.

“So many things are going wrong.”

He hit the seat belt with the hammer a couple times, and it became undone. Lee-joonhyuk quickly pulled the bus driver towards him. The unconscious bus driver's body was really heavy.

Lee-joonhyuk clenched his teeth, and he put his strength into his arm. He was barely able to drag the bus driver to the window. When he reached the window, he leaned against it then he took a deep breath.

The sack around his shin couldn't staunch the blood flow anymore. Lee-joonhyuk with all his strength slung the bus driver on the window frame, then he spoke.

"He is an abnormal sleep disorder patient." (TLN: I'll shorten it to ASD patient)
"So I almost died because of this guy?"

His words were harsh, but the man's hands continued to help. Lee-joonhyuk passed over the bus driver, then he looked back. The only one left was the ASD patient, who was riding the car that flew in.

The car was crushed in half. Would he be able to rescue him?

"Hey. You get off too!"

The man outside shouted at him, but Lee-joonhyuk spoke one more time.

"I'm just going to check if it is possible to bring him down."

Lee-joonhyuk approached the car, but he couldn't open the crushed door. He agonized over it for a moment, then he looked towards the half broken front window. He rammed his shoulder into the window.

Geeeeeee-geeeeeeee-geek.

When he rammed into the window, the vehicle slid down more. If he wasn't careful, he would be crushed. After he regained his breath for a moment, he pulled against the hanging window.

At that moment, he felt his eyes water. He hadn't felt it up until now, but his side started to throb. He must have a broken rib.

"Are you some kind of rescue worker?"

Suddenly, he heard a voice next to him. He turned his head, and he saw the rough looking man.

"I'm not."

"I thought you were some rescue worker trying to be some kind of hero. Move

over."

The man ripped the half hanging window in one try. Then he released the seat-belt of the driver inside the car.

"Hey. I'm going to pull him out. Do you think the car will fall more?"

"I'll try to brace against it."

"Fuck that. Is the car not going to fall, because you are bracing against it? Do you know how heavy a car is?"

"Still, I have to try it."

Lee-joonhyuk grabbed the roof of the car with his hands, and he put his shoulder against it. As the other man saw this, he shook his head from side to side, then he started to carefully extract the driver.

Ggee-geeek.

As the patient inside was moved, the vehicle started to make louder noises. The man, who froze for a second, used all his might to pluck the driver out.

Lee-joonhyuk suddenly felt the weight transfer onto his shoulder, so he put his strength into it.

Fortunately, the vehicle hadn't fallen, and it had held. The man dragged the driver out, and he escaped to the front.

Lee-joonhyuk was thankful everything went well, and he relaxed. As he was watching them, all of the weight suddenly transferred on him. His shoulders seemed like it would be severed. He couldn't take the pain, so Lee-joonhyuk jumped backwards.

Kwa-doo-doo-dook.

If he was a little bit late, Lee-joonhyuk would have been crushed by the falling vehicle. He let out a sigh of relief, then he heard the man scream.

"Hey! You said the gas is leaking. Get off first!"

"Yes."

Lee-joonhyuk approached the window he broke. He picked up an urn he saw on the side, and Lee-joonhyuk jumped over the window.

As the impact from landing on the floor transferred to his leg, his face crumpled. Lee-joonhyuk pulled his dress jacket to himself, and he started limping away.

When he turned his head, the rough looking man was leaving the front of the bus with the ASD patient in tow.

Lee-joonhyuk walked towards them to help. As soon as the ASD patient was dragged off, an explosion went off from the back.

Boom!

The vehicle, which had flown and embedded itself on the bus, exploded and the surrounding windows exploded. Lee-joonhyuk fell to the floor after being swept up in the aftershock. Lee-joonhyuk watched the bus start to burn alongside the car. He let out a sigh of relief. He realized how traumatic the events he got himself into was, and as soon as he realized that, his ribs started to hurt. On top of that, his shin throbbed.

Lee-joonhyuk saw a grandpa approach him. It was the grandpa, who had wrapped his wound. Lee-joonhyuk gave him the urn he was able to save.

“I was able to save this.”

“Thank you.”

As the grandpa received it, his surrounding was filled with claps. When he turned his head around, Lee-joonhyuk was able to see stalled cars, and many people were surrounding them.

The people were busy taking pictures. Lee-joonhyuk stood up, while making a pained noise.

The rough looking man asked Lee-joonhyuk a question.

“What is your name?”

“It’s Lee-joonhyuk.”

The man took out his business card, and he gave it to Lee-joonhyuk.

“My name is Park-chulho.”

Lee-joonhyuk carefully observed the business card, and he saw the logo with the name, Chulho Capital. At a glance, he was a moneylender. Lee-joonhyuk put

the business card away.

“It is hard to find people with some balls these days. Do you want to work under me?”

“I’m going to an interview today.”

“Interview? You are going in that state?”

Lee-joonhyuk look down at his body, and he let out a deep sigh.

“I still have to attend it.”

Park-chulho shook his head then he spoke.

“You want a ride?” (TLN: he is speaking in a dialect/coarse form of speech)

“No. On a day like this, I’ll use the subway.

“I guess that’s for the best. Shit. I shouldn’t have brought my car on a Friday.”

Park-Chulho sighed as he spoke.

“Then go. I’ll take care of things here.”

“I’ll leave it to you then.”

When a ASD patient creates an accident, the W.A.N.C.S(World Abnormality Narcolepsy Countermeasure Structure) would arrive to help.(TLN: now I’m going to think of it as wank...what an unfortunate acronym, those wankers are coming to help :P) The accidents were categorized as a natural disasters, so insurance covered it.

“We have to receive our insurance money, so call me later.”

“I’ll do that.”

If Lee-joonhyuk wanted to get treatment for his injuries, he had to receive a compensation from the insurance. Park-chulho was a witness, so he should have any problems receiving the compensation for the treatment.

Lee-joonhyuk entered the subway station, then he entered a pharmacy he was able to locate. The pharmacist looked at Lee-joonhyuk with wide eyes.

“Are you ok?”

Lee-joonhyuk made an awkward smile.

“I’m not ok. Please bring me some disinfectant and some bandages.”

The pharmacist looked at Lee-joonhyuk’s injuries, and he spoke.

“Should I look at it?”

“If you would, I would be thankful.”

After the pharmacist brought the disinfectant and bandages, he unwound the sack tied around Lee-joonhyuk’s leg.

“My god.”

The pharmacist eyes widened from surprise. The name tag on his chest read Jo-jisun. After seeing his name, Lee-joonhyuk was about to open his mouth, but at that moment, the disinfectant was sprayed on the wound.

“Doc. Gooooahhhhk!”

Lee-joonhyuk screamed, while grabbing onto Jo-jisun’s thigh. He spoke, while he pressed down hard with a gauze.

“Gut it out.”

“I, I...”

Even though he was told to gut it out, it didn’t mean he could. He couldn’t even grab onto Jo-jisun’s shoulder. While Lee-joonhyuk clawed at his thighs, Jo-jisun lightly patted him on the leg as he spoke.

“It’s done.”

Lee-joonhyuk looked down at his leg. The bandage was wound tightly around it. As he saw this, Lee-joonhyuk let out a sigh of relief then he stood up.

“Thank you.”

“It was nothing. Any ways, how did you get hurt?””

“ASD patients caused an accident.”

“Was it the accident that happened in front of here?”

“Yes.”

Jo-jisun spoke with a smile on his face.

“Take care of the receipt. The insurance will reimburse it.”

“Thank you.”

Lee-joonhyuk gave him his card.

“Please ring me up.”

“Wait a moment. I’ll put a band-aid on the wound on your head.”

It was only then Lee-joonhyuk realized his forehead was cut.

“I can do it.”

“Please stay still. It is rare for me to administer a wound like this.”

Jo-jisun had a slight smile as he poured the disinfectant on the wound located on his forehead.

“Goooooooook!”

He felt a burning sensation, and Lee-joonhyuk let out a groan. As if he enjoyed this, Jo-jisun kept on administering the wound as he smiled. Then he spoke.

“Still, the wound on the forehead isn’t too bad.”

Jo-jisun put a band aid with an animated character on Lee-joonhyuk’s wound. (TLN: children’s band aid) “You might have to go to the hospital for the owund. You know this, right? This is only a first aid.”

Lee-joonhyuk replied after he touched his forehead with his hand.

“I will.”

Jo-jisun took the card being held out by Lee-joonhyuk’s opposite hand.”

“The disinfectant is 2000 won, and the bandage is 3000 won.”

“How about the band aid?”

Jo-jisun spoke after he swiped the card.

“It’s a service.” (TLN: I’ll explain below)

“I’m glad I came here.”

Jo-jisun laughed with his eyes.

“If you think that then you can become my regular customer.”

“I guess I’ll become your regular customer.”

Lee-joonhyuk signed his name, and he took back his card. When he was about to open the door and leave, Jo-jisun yelled at Lee-joonhyuk’s back.

“Don’t forget to go to the hospital.”

TLN: (This is a somewhat unique term/idea that is ingrained in South Korea. When you have a regular customer, you can give them ‘service’. So let’s say you always go to a bbq restaurant. The owner knows you are a frequent customer, and when the food comes, there is something extra from the menu there. It is free of charge. The owner will say this is a service. This term can also be used for samples in large stores. If you walk around some famous shopping district, they give out a lot of samples/stuff. They’ll call this a service.)

Chapter 4

← Chapter 4: Legend of Legend(LOL)-Interview Day(3) →

When Lee-joonhyuk got on the subway, he became completely exhausted. Everyone's gaze was on him, and several people tried to offer their seats to him.

“Please sit here.”

“Thank you.”

As soon as Lee-joonhyuk sat on the seat, he could hear the whispers coming from the female high school student, who was looking at him.

“Isn’t he that person?”

“I think it is?”

They were whispering towards Lee-joonhyuk’s direction, but he didn’t have the energy to pay any attention to it. He had disinfected his wounds, but that didn’t mean it had been healed. He didn’t have any immunity towards pain.

A high school girl approached Lee-joonhyuk, who had his head down.

“Hey, Uncle?”

Lee-joonhyuk raised his head with a slight frown.

“It is him. I was right.”

“What are you talking about?”

“Look at this. You are this uncle, right?”

Lee-joonhyuk saw a video of himself saving people from the bus. He laughed as he watched the image of himself.

“It is him.”

“Wow. Uncle. You are a boss!”

“I’m not a boss. Anyone would have done what I did.”

The female high school students giggled as they spoke.

“Uncle. Take a picture with us.”

“I’m not in a frame of mind to do that.”

“Eh-ee. Don’t be like that.”

The female high school student didn’t even concern themselves with Lee-joonhyuk’s injuries, and they were busy taking pictures with him in the background. Then they were busy putting the pictures on the SNS. (TLN: social network service)

Lee-joonhyuk laughed as he saw them, then he leaned back on his seat.

“Do whatever you want.”

Once the female high school students started it, numerous people also busily took pictures with Lee-joonhyuk as the background. Lee-joonhyuk was tired of the picture serenade, so he gave his body to the subway.

The 12 floored building in front of him was shaped like a capsule. The first interview Lee-joonhyuk decided to go to was at ST Capsule. ST Capsule was a company that made various medical machines. When the Abnormal Sleeping Disorder and the mass coma happened, they had moved their feet quickly. Everything that was needed to assist a comatose patient was made by Capsule.

Capsule combined all the medical equipment to make a medical equipment that could be used easily by regular people. Of course, the price was expensive, but it was proved to be effective. This was why W.A.N.C.S. publicly endorsed it.

As groups of patients became comatose, the hospital was over-capacitated on the number of patients they could admit. This lead to an increase in popularity for Capsule. If one had a Capsule at home, then they would have no trouble taking care of the comatose patient.

This was how ST Capsule became a big corporation in one fell swoop. At first, they had made the parts for the machines by themselves, and when their profit increased, they became the 3rd biggest company in Korea. Then they were able to enter the top 100 ranking of companies in the world.

The fact that he put in an application to this place meant he was somewhat bold. He had graduated from a college in Seoul, but it wasn’t a named university.

Moreover, he had kept up his grade, but everyone had that much on their resume.

Lee-joonhyuk entered the building's lobby, and he put on the nameplate with his application number and picture. When Lee-joonhyuk entered the lobby, the woman standing within looked at his condition then she queried.

"Have you come for the interview?"

"Yes. Where should I go?"

"Please go to the third floor."

"Thank you."

Lee-joonhyuk was about to pass her when the woman addressed him.

"The interview already started 10 minutes ago. You should hurry up."

"Thank you."

Even though he wanted to hurry up, he couldn't. He was fortunate that he didn't need to drag his legs. When the elevator door closed, Lee-joonhyuk saw his reflection, and he decided he needed to wash his face. He was in a sorry state.

He couldn't do anything about his injured leg, but black soot had smeared across his face as he was swept up in the explosion. If he went to the interview with this face, it wouldn't be polite.

When the elevator arrived at the 3rd floor, Lee-joonhyuk walked hurriedly, and he headed to the restroom. Lee-joonhyuk took off his dress jacket, then he quickly washed his face.

After washing his face thoroughly, he used the water to sweep his hair to the side, and he was able to see the band aid with the cartoon character on his forehead. He briefly thought about Jo-jisun's face, then he out a little laugh. After he put on his dress jacket, he exited the restroom.

"Number 35. Is Mr. Lee-joonhyuk not here?"

"I'm here."

He walked quickly as he answered. When the lady saw Lee-joonhyuk, she

couldn't hide her shocked expression. Lee-joonhyuk looked like he should be looking for a hospital instead of attending an interview. However, Lee-joonhyuk thought he had a good chance at sticking this interview. He might receive additional points for having some experience with the ASD patients, which causes the mass coma.

When he opened the door to the interview room, Lee-joonhyuk felt everyone's eyes on him.

There were 3 people who were conducting the interview. Across them were 4 people who came to take the interview. After checking for an empty seat, Lee-joonhyuk walked towards the seat. As soon as he sat, the woman interviewer sitting in the middle pushed her glasses up, then she spoke.

"Number 33, Ms. Kim-dahae?"

"Yes."

Everyone's gaze was drawn to Lee-joonhyuk, but the woman asked the other interviewee a question. Lee-joonhyuk sat in his seat with a straight back, and he waited for his turn.

Couple of his hypothetical question was asked, and the interviewees answered it in a logical manner. As he saw this, Lee-joonhyuk took a deep breath. Then Lee-joonhyuk's turn came.

"Number 35, Mr. Lee-joonhyuk?"

"Yes."

He answered energetically. The woman didn't even glance at Lee-joonhyuk, and after she rifled through her documents, she asked.

"Why do you think the Abnormal Sleeping Disorder is happening?"

It was a question he hadn't thought of. Even the world's leading scientists had no idea why the Abnormal Sleeping Disorder was occurring.

"To my understanding, the cause has not been found."

The woman slowly raised her gaze, and she spoke as she looked into Lee-joonhyuk's eyes.

"I want to hear Mr. Lee-joonhyuk's opinion."

Lee-joonhyuk was slightly taken aback. Truthfully, he wanted the interviewer to ask why he came to the interview in such an outfit. Then he would have told them about the accident he experienced, then he would try to make a favorable impression.

However, she didn't seem too interested in that part. The eyes of the woman, who asked him the question, was colder than ice.

Lee-joonhyuk regulated his breath for a moment before he answered.

"The per-determined day of the week, and the time the event happens might point to this being part of someone's plan. That is what I think."

"If you think this is planned out by someone, then are you saying this is a conspiracy?"

Over 100,000 ASD patient had appeared, and the accidents cause by them had caused 500,000 casualties. Currently, they had found out that the Abnormal Sleeping Disorder only happens on a Friday, so there were many contingency built in to minimize the casualties. However, when it first happened, endless amount of accidents had happened.

He had said it was a conspiracy, but it wasn't as simple of a problem as that. Lee-joonhyuk swallowed dryly as the woman interrogated him.

"The event is well regulated, so I'm just saying it is problem we should at least be suspicious of."

After looking at Lee-joonhyuk for a moment, the woman nodded her head.

"So that is Mr. Lee-joonhyuk's opinion."

As if the woman didn't have anything else to say to him, she asked the next interviewer a question.

"Number 36, Mr. Kim-giltae."

Lee-joonhyuk felt a sense of futility as his turn passed. The others were asked questions within the realm of the hypothetical questions, so why did he get such a baffling question?

Since he had answered sincerely and thoughtfully, he decided not to think too much on it.

When Lee-joonhyuk lowered his head, he looked at his attire. Shouldn't everyone want to ask him about his attire? These people were heartless.

Soon all the questions had been asked, and the woman opened her mouth.

"Well done everyone. The announcement on who passed will be notified individually, so take care of your hand-phone."

"Number 35, Mr. Lee-joonhyuk."

Lee-joonhyuk turned around, and the woman spoke in a calm voice.

"If you are as injured as you look, you should have went to the hospital. How could we hire someone who can't even take care of their own body when we have to sell medical machines that will be used to heal others?"

Lee-joonhyuk bit his lips. Her words weren't wrong.

"Please leave."

Lee-joonhyuk hung his head a little bit as he went outside.

Today was continuously filled with tension. His day had been hectic, and he walked while clutching his side.

"That's right. I'll go to the hospital."

His interview today was all messed up, because of the Abnormal Sleeping Disorder. Since he had some connection to the Abnormal Sleeping Disorder, he had gone to ST Capsule in hopes that they might hire him. However, he had thought wrong.

After Lee-joonhyuk went outside, he arduously walked toward the next subway. On a day like today, he wasn't suppose to ride a taxi.

After Lee-joonhyuk departed, the interviewers was taking a break when a man entered. When he entered, the interviewers stood up and they greeted him.

The man lightly raised his hand, and he spoke.

"Please give me a minute."

The other interviewers left the room, and the man flopped into the empty seat then he spoke.

"Chief Kim-oonsuh."

“Please speak, Director Kim.”

The man, who was called Director Kim, broke into a laugh.

“That’s fine, Oonsuh.”

“This is the company, big brother.” (TLN: implying they shouldn’t speak familiarly when they are in a place of business)

“I know.”

Director Kim-sukhoon of the ST Capsule searched through the papers the interviewers were looking at, and he brought out Kim-jungin’s document.

“Did you interview this fellow?”

“His principles were lacking. Also, his spec was pathetic.” (TLN: spec = school/grades)

Kim-sukhoon responded calmly to Kim-oonsuh’s acerbic remarks.

“Pass him.”

“What?” (TLN: she dropped the respectful speech)

Kim-sukhoon replied airily.

“Didn’t you say this is a place for business?”

“Director. Do you perhaps know this guy?”

Kim-sukhoon took Lee-joonhyuk’s file, and he folded it into a paper airplane. Then he threw it toward Kim-oonsuh. When Kim-oonsuh’s eyes started to flash coldly, he calmly replied back.

“If his spec is lacking then we don’t have to give him a good seat. However, he has to be passed.”

“May I know the reason?”

Kim-sukhoon shook his head, and he took out his smartphone. He fiddled with it for a moment, then he passed it to Kim-oonsuh. It showed a bus on the center line, and a car had embedded itself in the bus. The footage was shaky.

Soon, the window was broken, then she saw a man emerge. The familiar-looking man scraped off all the glass from the window, then he lowered a

grandpa.

As Kim-oonsuh was watching the video, she heard Kim-sukhoon's voice in her ears.

"It was uploaded about 30 minutes ago, but the view count is exploding up. I think they are calling him this generation's hero?"

Kim-oonsuh saw him rescue not only the old people on the bus, but he continued on to save the person stuck inside the embedded car. After the rescue, she saw Lee-joonhyuk rolling on the floor from the force of the explosion.

"So that is why he came to the interview in such a state."

Kim-sukhoon laughed as if he saw through her cold speech.

"Isn't he cute?"

Kim-oonsuh looked at Kim-sukhoon as if he was a creepy bug. Kim-sukhoon acted as if he had been injured then he got up from his seat.

"So it should be fine. Pass him. It'll be good for our public relations."

"I guess we have to."

She didn't like it, but she didn't have any reasons to refuse it. She was merely filling up one seat, so it wasn't a difficult task.

She decided it was the right decision to use him as an effective advertisement tool for ST Capsule.

Kim-sukhoon got up from his seat and he spoke.

"I'll leave it to you."

As soon as Kim-sukhoon left, Kim-oonsuh looked at the paper air plane on her seat. It was a paper air plane made from Lee-joonhyuk's interview document. She touched the air plane once, and she let out a little laugh.

"He's a bit transparent, but he is cute."

Lee-joonhyuk's actions were transparent, but the act of Lee-joonhyuk saving the people was a great feat. He hadn't spared his own body to save the other people.

People were afraid with regarding anything to do with the Abnormal Sleeping Disorder. As a company that makes money off the mass coma status of the patients, they had to be quick sighted. From the company's perspective, Lee-joonhyuk was basically a squash that had rolled in. (TLN: good fortune falling from the sky)

Chapter 5

< Legend of Legend(LOL)-Awaken(1) >

Awaken

Lee-joonhyuk went to the hospital emergency room, and he was able to return home after receiving 30 stitches to his wounded leg. This was the biggest wound he had received in his life.

Lee-joonhyuk got off the subway, and he started heading home. From force of habit, he checked the convenience store. As he looked in, Lee-joonhyuk's eyes widened slightly.

It was, because Shin-soyun, who only works in the morning, was manning the counter. Lee-joonhyuk went inside with happiness in his heart.

“Welcome.”

Shin-soyun's eyes became round as she reflexively bowed her head.

“Are you ok?”

Lee-joonhyuk had rolled up his blood-soaked pants, and his leg was wound with bandages. At a glance, the wound looked serious, so Shin-soyun had no choice, but to ask in concern.

Lee-joonhyuk spoke as he scratched his head.

“I rode a bus today, and it got into an accident.”

Shin-soyun came out from behind the counter, and she queried as she looked him up and down.

“Are you coming back from the hospital?”

“Yes. The insurance is taking care of everything, so I can use the hospital as much as I want.”

“Still, I'm glad you are fine, and that you aren't severely injured.”

“It feels good since you are worried about me.”

Shin-soyun's face turned slightly red, and she returned to the counter. Lee-joonhyuk secretly smiled as he picked two cans of beer from the fridge. He chose shrimp chips for a side dish. When he put the items on the counter, Shin-soyun frowned a little bit.

"You are going to drink alcohol?"

"I failed to stick my interview."

Shin-soyun stepped out from the counter, and she put the beers back into the refrigerator. Then she brought back a can of cider. Shin-soyun charged the shrimp chips, then she put it in a bag with the cider.

"Since you are injured, you probably took some antibiotics yet you are trying to drink alcohol? Just drink the cider. It is carbonated like the beer, so it should be fine."

Shin-soyun was worried about him, so she packed the cider for him. Lee-joonhyuk couldn't tell her a beer wasn't just another carbonated drink.

"Then charge the cider too."

"Think of it as a consoling beverage as you drink it."

Lee-joonhyuk scratched his head at those words, then he slightly bowed his head.

"Thank you. I'll leave now."

As Lee-joonhyuk was about to leave with the bag, Shin-soyool called after him.

"Please wait."

When Lee-joonhyuk turned back, Shin-soyool smiled as her cheeks dimpled.

"Cheer up. Next time, you'll definitely stick."

Lee-joonhwan smiled brightly at those words. He had thought everything had gone wrong today, but his heart became warm at her encouragement.

"Thank you. If I stick next time, I'll buy you a banana milk, and a triangle kimbab." (TLN: onigiri)

"I'll looked forward to it."

Lee-joonhyuk left the convenience store in a happy mood. He limped toward his rented room. When he opened the door to his rented room, he felt a coldness inside his room.

“Whew.”

He let out a long sigh then he went inside his room. He turned on the light. It was an uninviting room. He had organized it in the morning, so it was still clean. Lee-joonhyuk smirked as he changed his cloth. The insurance covered the wounds he received, but the insurance didn’t cover the ripped cloths. Lee-joonhyuk wore a t-shirt and shorts for comfort then he sat on the floor of his room. He opened the cider’s tab, then he turned on the television.

At that moment, the news was on. Moreover, the news was showing Lee-joonhyuk rescuing the grandpa from the bus accident.

“Ppoo.” (TLN: sfx spitting out cider)

He had rescued the grandpas, but he hadn’t expect it to be on the news. He guessed it was one of the bigger accidents that happened today.

Soon, the people who were being interviewed was shown. One of the people being interviewed was Park-chulho.

“Lee-hoonhyuk. Are you seeing this?”

He wondered what that man would say. Park-chulho spoke as he gave a thumbs up.

“You were splendid.”

Somehow, he felt a bit embarrassed so he scratched his head. He pulled out a tissue, and he bent over to wipe the cider off his body. Then suddenly the world turned dark.

Boom.

He heard a faint sound, but Lee-joonhyuk couldn’t open his eyes when a bright light washed over him. Even though his eyes were closed, the light seared into his retina. It felt like his eyes were burning.

“Ahhhhhhhk!”

While screaming, Lee-joonhyuk finally lost the connection to his consciousness.

How long has it been?

Lee-joonhyuk didn't feel the light that seemed to burn his retina, so he covered his eyes with his hands. Then he slowly opened his eyes, and he peeked through his splayed fingers. Then he checked his surrounding.

"What is this?"

It was a strange space. When he raised his body, Lee-joonhyuk saw a dome shaped room that was slightly bigger than his own. The room was awash with a soft white light. As he looked around the room, Lee-joonhyuk touched his body.

"Huh?"

Lee-joonhyuk was wearing an armor he had never seen before. It was an armor one might see in a fantasy movie. When he heard the armor clank, he stood up in shock.

Moreover, he found out one more surprising fact.

"My wounds are all healed?"

The wound on his leg had healed. Lee-joonhyuk rolled his leg around a few time then he spoke.

"What happened?"

While he was tilting his head in confusion, he heard a low voice in his ears. The voice was very alluring, but the content of her speech was shocking

-Congratulations on being summoned to the Canyon of Death.

"Canyon of Death?"

He raised his head, and he tried to see where the voice was coming from. Suddenly, a sword and a shield showed up in front Lee-joonhyuk.

-Please use the middle exit to depart.

Lee-joonhyuk was taken aback by the situation. First, he decided to carry the sword, and shield to protect himself. The moment he passed through the middle exit, he heard a different voice.

-Minion No. 00110230. Embark.

Then he could see many people spread out in front of him wearing the same cloths as him. They were all in the same situation, and they all looked around as if they didn't understand the current situation.

“What is happening here?”

Lee-joonhyuk tried to question the other people. However, a large man showed himself in front of them, and their eyes landed on him. He lost his chance to question the others. The giant of a man was 2.5 meters tall, and he slowly raised his hand in front of them.

“From here on out, the right side has to follow me.”

The large man pointed toward his right, and there were around 50 people there. The large man didn't speak any more words, and he turned around. Lee-joonhyuk wasn't included in this group.

At that moment, a man with a scar on his face stepped forward, and yelled at him.

“Where is this place? Also, who the fuck are you to tell me to follow or not!”

The 2.5 meter tall muscular man jumped over the heads of the people, and he kicked the head of the man, who questioned him.

Kwa-jeek.

The head blew up as if a watermelon was being broken. It was a surreal sight. However, the metallic smell of blood pushed against their noses, so they knew this was real.

The large man slowly stood up. Then he looked around his surrounding. The 2.5 meter tall man was in front of him, and he was looking down at them. Lee-joonhyuk realized something when their eyes met.

This man's eyes. It wasn't the eyes of a man who had only killed one or two people. His eyes were shining with madness, so his body automatically became tense.

“We don't have any time left. You should also follow me.”

The last person pointed out by the large man was Lee-joonhyuk. Lee-joonhyuk's body stiffened. The large man had nothing else to say. He turned around, then he started walking.

Lee-joonhyuk swallowed dryly, and he followed after him. He held the shield and sword in his hand, but he strong feeling that he would be ripped to shred if the large man got his hands on him.

The large man walked in front, and about 50 people walked behind him without saying anything. The place they headed towards to was a large door that reached the height of 5 meters.

When they left through the door, they saw a sight they had never seen in their lifetime.

They could see a castle wall from the middle ages. On top of the castle wall, archers had been dispatched. Lee-joonhyuk slowly realized he had no idea where this place was.

From his side, someone whispered to Lee-joonhyuk.

“Are you a Korean?”

Lee-joonhyuk turned his head, and he saw a man around his late 30s. The man was anxious as he turned around to speak to Lee-joonhyuk.

“Yes. Are you also Korean?”

“Yes. Do you know where this is?”

Lee-joonhyuk looked up towards the sky as he walked. The purple colored sky was most definitely abnormal.

“I’m not sure. I’m having some doubts that this might not be a dream.”

“A dream? When that man was killed, I saw his brain get stepped on. I’m sure this is the reality.”

Lee-joonhyuk looked at the speaker. The man said he saw the dead person’s brain being stepped on, so maybe this man’s mental state was suspicious. Lee-joonhyuk wondered if this man should be avoided.

At that moment, the large man walking in front of the group arrived in front of the castle gate then he turned around. He took in the sight of the 50 people,

then he spoke.

“Don’t lag behind. Those who lag behind will die.”

Those words didn’t sound like a joke. Lee-joonhyuk trembled slightly then he put strength into the hand grasping the shield. The shield was very light compared to its size.

When the large man turned around, the castle door opened. Outside the castle gate, they saw a long road. On either side, there were trees over 20 meters tall lined next to the road. There was no end in sight to the long road .

The large man started to run lightly on his feet as he started to pace his stride. The man, who had spoken to him, seemed to be nervous. He didn’t speak any further, and he started to run.

As they ran after the large man, the first straggler formed after one hour. A black man tripped over a jagged stone, and he wasn’t able to get up. When Lee-joonhyuk saw this, he hesitated.

Currently, he hadn’t reached his limit, but he couldn’t leave behind the straggler. If one dropped out, then one would die.

He took a look at the large man, but he was still running as if he didn’t care what was happening. The large man maintained his speed.

Lee-joonhyuk approached the black man, and he helped him by holding his arm.

“Are you ok?”

The black man shook his head at Lee-joonhyuk’s question, and he slowly tried to stand up. However, his leg started to limp.

“Shit!”

At a glance, his ankle seemed to be causing some discomfort. As Lee-joonhyuk helped the man, he saw the group had already distanced themselves. It was a situation where they didn’t know where the destination was located at. It wasn’t a good decision to fall back from the group, but he couldn’t just leave behind an injured person.

“Be strong.”

The black man stole a glance at Lee-joonhyuk. He turned his gaze towards the front then he spoke in a low voice.

“Thank you.”

Lee-joonhyuk felt the large man glance at him, while running in the far distance. However, it was just that. He continued to run forward. The group steadily drifted away, and they disappeared from his sight.

Lee-joonhyuk should have been thankful that he had moved away from the man swept up in madness, but when he looked at the long shadow of the forest on both side, he couldn’t erase the creepy feeling.

“Whew. I don’t know where this place is, but I’m not going to just die like this.”

Lee-joonhyuk put strength in the arm that was supporting the black man, and he forcibly walked on.

Chapter 6

< Legend of Legend(LOL)-Awakening(2) >

They walked on for one more hour. Eventually, the black man couldn't walk any further, so they decided to take a rest in the middle of the road. The forest's shadow somehow gave them a bad feeling, so they distanced themselves from the forest.

While they were resting in the middle of the road, the black man spoke first.

“Michael.” (TLN:EN)

“Michael?” (TLN: KR)

“Yes.”(TLN:EN)

“Joonhyuk Lee.” (TLN: KR)

As soon as Lee-joonhyuk pointed to himself, Michael made a smile. When he saw the smile that revealed white teeth, Lee-joonhyuk matched his smile.

He wasn't that proficient in English, but he knew how to introduce himself. Lee-joonhyuk's hand pointed toward Michael's leg. Michael looked at his own leg then he took off his armor.

Then he showed him his swollen ankle. Lee-joonhyuk wasn't sure how he was able to walk on that leg for an hour. Lee-joonhyuk looked around his surrounding for a moment.

After thinking for a moment, Lee-joonhyuk lifted the sword he had received in the beginning.

He unsheathed his sword, then he started to cut Michael's pants. He place his sword next to his leg, and he wound the cloth around it. Michael was taken aback as he watched him. Afterwards, Michael tried to give his own sword to him.

Lee-joonhyuk shook his, and he showed him his shield.

“I’ll be fine with just this.”

Any ways, he had never thought about cutting someone. If he was in a dangerous situation, he thought the shield would be of more help.

Lee-joonhyuk looked at Michael as he spoke.

“Should we go?”

He stood up then he mimed walking. As Michael saw him, he nodded his head, then he got up. Fortunately, only his right leg was hurt, so Lee-joonhyuk was able to support him from the left side. Lee-joonhyuk went to his left to support him, and his left hand held up the shield. Michael fastened the shield on his back, and he held his sword.

The two of them started to walk again. By looking at their pace, it would be a long time before they would catch up to the others.

As they were walking, Lee-joonhyuk suddenly felt a chill, so he stopped walking. Michael looked over once at Lee-joonhyuk, and he looked around his surrounding as his face hardened.

Rustle.

Accompanying the small sound, an ox-sized wolf showed itself between the trees in front them.

Michael, who was being supported, started to shake. Lee-joonhyuk tightened the grip on other’s side, and he spoke.

“Don’t be scared.”

“What?” (TLN: EN)

Lee-joonhyuk raised his shield and spoke.

“I’ll block and you stab.”

Michael looked at Lee-joonhyuk’s shield, and he raised his own sword. Lee-joonhyuk nodded his head, then he spoke once more.

“I’ll block and you’ll stab.”

“You are on defense. I’m attacking?” (TLN: EN – You defence. Me attack?~I modified it)

He had some experience playing some games, so he understood those English words.

“Ok.”

Lee-joonhyuk let go of the arm he was supporting, and he grabbed the shield with two hands. When the wolf saw Lee-joonhyuk step forward, it lowered its body to the ground.

It was as big as an ox, so even though it lowered its body to the ground, it still reached the height of Lee-joonhyuk’s waist. Lee-joonhyuk felt Michael tighten his grip on his shoulder, so he stepped forward again.

Roar!

The wolf pounced upwards, and Lee-joonhyuk raised his shield.

Tuh-ung!

The wolf’s front paws stepped on the shield, and it raised its head to bite at Lee-joonhyuk. Lee-joonhyuk clenched his teeth as he felt the weight of wolf transfer onto the shield. He raised his arms, and he ducked under the shield. At that moment, Michael swung his sword.

Kwa-kak.

The wolf bit down on the sword swung by Micahel, and it twisted its head to wrest the the sword away from him. Michael had held the sword with both hands, but the wolf’s strength was stronger than he had expected.

The nervous Lee-joonhyuk gripped his shield again as he spoke.

“Run away.”

“What?” (TLN: EN)

Lee-joonhyuk knew that he wasn’t some kind of saint, who would sacrifice his own life for another. However, when confronted with the choice, he couldn’t run away when there was an injured person in front of him.

He felt a fiery sensation coming from below his chest, and he let this sensation take over his body. He yelled as he ran forward with the shield in front of him.

“Run!” (TLN: EN)

After shouting this word, he ran towards the wolf. The wolf jumped towards him as Lee-joonhyuk ran at it. When he saw the wolf jump towards his head, Lee-joonhyuk raised his shield at an angle.

Growl! Kwak!

The wolf tried to push its head over the shield to maul him, but Lee-joonhyuk stuck close to the shield as he avoided being bitten. He knew this was only delaying the inevitable, but this was the only thing he could do.

Lee-joonhyuk put his strength into the shield then he turned to look at Michael. Michael stared at Lee-joonhyuk with a hardened face, then he ran towards them. He had grabbed the sword that was used as a splint. Michael charged forth, and he stabbed down with the sword.

However, the wolf's head was located too high. Lee-joonhyuk remembered that the wolf's reflex was good, so he lowered his shield for a brief moment.

The wolf lost its balance, and Michael's sword fell on it.

Keh-eng!

Michael's sword was embedded into the wolf's shoulder. Before they could rejoice, the wolf bit into Michael's throat.

"Kuk!"

Lee-joonhyuk looked over his shield to see the wolf biting into Michael's throat. Michael, who was bitten by the wolf, started to convulse. This sight was so surreal.

At that moment, Michael looked at Lee-joonhyuk, and he opened his mouth.

"Run away." (TLN: EN)

He barely said those words before Michael's neck was severed by the wolf. When he saw Michael's head roll onto the floor, Lee-joonhyuk realized something.

The wolf was an existent a human couldn't deal with.

Growl.

The wolf slowly turned around, and he could see blood dripping from its

mouth. When he saw this, Lee-joonhyuk's eyes were filled with terror. There was nothing more dangerous than an injured wild animal.

Lee-joonhyuk started slowly backing up. The wolf, who was watching Lee-joonhyuk, lowered itself before it chased after him.

“Ooh ahhhhh!”

Lee-joonhyuk ran away in fright, but the wolf's speed was much faster. If it wasn't for the sword embedded in the wolf's shoulder, he would have been caught much earlier.

As he was running away, Lee-joonhyuk felt a chill, so he turned around and he raised his shield.

Tuh-ung!

He wasn't in a proper position, so he couldn't handle the wolf's weight. Lee-joonhyuk was pushed onto the floor by the weight. Only a shield separated him from the wolf, and it climbed on top of Lee-joonhyuk.

The wolf opened its mouth towards Lee-joonhyuk, and blood dripped down from around its mouth. The moment he saw Michael's blood, he shut his eyes in terror.

Growl.

He felt the wolf's breath on his face. The thought that he might die entered his thoughts, and it caused Lee-joonhyuk to yell reflexively.

“No!”

Ka-ahng!

Lee-joonhyuk opened his eyes at the unexpected sound. In front of Lee-joonhyuk's eyes, there was a ivory colored shield of light, and he could see the wolf trying to bite through it from outside.

However, the barrier of light didn't break easily.

Lee-joonhyuk didn't know what had happened, but he was still alive. At that thought, he put his two hand against the shield. Then he gathered his feet, and he pressed them against the shield. With all his might, he pushed the shield with

his feet. Lee-joonhyuk gained some separation from the wolf, so he stood up. The ivory colored barrier of light was surrounding his body. This had blocked the wolf's teeth.

Lee-joonhyuk got his breath back, and he raised his shield again. While he was doing this, the wolf lowered its posture. It was getting ready rush in at any moment. He had some idea how far it could jump, so he retreated backwards a little bit.

The ivory colored light barrier blurred and it disappeared. The wolf slowly shortened the distance between the two, and Lee-joonhyuk's back-pedaling steadily gained speed.

Tuk.

Lee-joonhyuk felt something touch his back, so he turned his head in surprise. He saw the giant man standing behind his back.

“Did your ability Awaken?”

Before he could ask a question, the wolf flew towards them. When the large man saw the wolf jump, he brought out a sword from somewhere then he swung it.

Sssahk!

The running wolf was cut into two exact pieces. The wolf's body, which was split from side to side, sprayed a massive amount of blood, and it splashed all over Lee-joonhyuk. The man, who easily split the wolf, walked past Lee-joonhyuk, and he approached Michael's corpse.

Michael's corpse was blurring as it changed.

When Michael's corpse disappeared entirely, the man picked up a gold coin from where the body used to be. The gold coin let out a soft light. The man tossed the gold coin he picked up to Lee-joonhyuk.

When Lee-joonhyuk received it, the man approached him as he smirked. The man looked at Lee-joonhyuk, who was dripping with blood, then he opened his mouth.

“Congratulations. Minion.”

He walked past Lee-joonhyuk. As if he had thought of something, the man stopped and he slowly turned towards Lee-joonhyuk. Then the man spoke a word towards him.

“I’m Atlan.”

He wasn’t curious about the man’s name. Michael had died in front of his eyes, and he had disappeared. Moreover, what was that ivory colored light barrier? Even though the man said his ability had Awakened, he didn’t understand what that meant. Atlan walked on as if he didn’t have anything else to say.

When the wolf’s carcass disappeared, two gold coins remained, and he spoke as he picked it up.

“Follow me.”

Lee-joonhyuk stood still in place, and he spoke as he looked at Atlan’s back.

“Please give me an explanation.”

“An explanation?”

Atlan turned around, and he studied Lee-joonhyuk. Then the corner of his mouth lifted. The moment the man smiled, he remembered a person died the previous time the man smiled. Lee-joonhyuk raised his shield reflexively.

Boom!

There was enough force to crumple the shield, and it caused him to roll on the ground. Then Atlan jumped towards Lee-joonhyuk. He was 2.5 meters tall, but he had jumped a height of 3 meters. Lee-joonhyuk hid his body beneath the shield on reflex, and he clenched his eyes shut.

He couldn’t die here. He had survived the wolf. He couldn’t die like this.

At that moment, something moved within his chest. Before he could understand what this was, he heard an unexpected sound.

Tuh-ung!

When Lee-joonhyuk opened his eyes, the ivory colored light barrier was in front of him. Atlan lightly tapped at it, and he let out a laugh.

“You definitely Awakened your ability.”

Atlan stepped back one step. Lee-joonhyuk was barely able to stand up, and as he did, the light barrier disappeared. As if he had been waiting for this moment, Atlan approached him, and he grabbed onto Lee-joonhyuk's neck.

"Kuk!"

Atlan lifted Lee-joonhyuk with one hand. When they were eye to eye, he opened his mouth.

"A minion dares to question me? What qualifications do you have to ask me a question?"

Blood wasn't flowing to his head, so one could see veins stand out on Lee-joonhyuk's face. Atlan silently stared at Lee-joonhyuk, then he tossed him to the floor.

He spoke.

"Follow me."

When he saw Atlan's madness-filled eyes, he didn't dare question him again. Atlan also didn't believe Lee-joonhyuk would argue with him, so he turned around and he started to walk.

Lee-joonhyuk rubbed his neck once, then he picked up his shield. Then he walked to where the wolf disappeared, and he picked up his sword. He fastened the sword to his waist, then he followed after Atlan.

Atlan had treated him harshly, but he had rescued him from the wolf. Therefore, he had no choice but to follow the man if he wanted to survive this place.

Chapter 7

<– Chapter 7: Legend of Legend(LOL)-Awakening(3) –>

He thought he followed Atlan for about 10 minutes?

Lee-joonhyuk was able to see a downhill road. The downhill road reached the bottom of the hill, and it stretched towards a 5 meter tall tower. Archers were placed on top of the tower, and it seemed to be used as a guard tower.

In front of the tower, there was a bridge. The bridge was about 15 meters wide. In front of the tower, those who hadn't dropped out were lined up with a different group. When combined, there were about 100 people outside.

Across the bridge, there was another tower of similar size built there. In front of it, there was a group of people standing ready with armors on, but it was hard to see them since the distance was too far.

When he saw this sight, he clenched the gold coin in his hand harder.

It had taken them 10 minutes to get here. If one wanted to calculate the time to reach the watchtower, it would be within 20 minutes. Michael had died with so little left to travel. The only thing that was left of him was a mere gold coin.

Lee-joonhyuk glared at the Atlan's back. He was skilled enough to kill the wolf in one strike, so he was capable of helping them.

Atlan ignored Lee-joonhyuk's gaze, and he walked towards the guard tower. Eventually, Lee-joonhyuk let out a deep sigh, then he followed after him.

As they approached the guard tower, Atlan and Lee-joonhyuk didn't speak to each other. They just went straight into the guard tower. Lee-joonhyuk lifted his gaze, and he saw a woman leaning on the balustrade on top of the guard tower.

She wore clothes a magician might wear. When the woman met eyes with Lee-joonhyuk, there was laughter in your eyes.

Lee-joonhyuk stood still as he looked at her, and he felt someone approach his side.

“What happened to the black brother?”

When Lee-joonhyuk turned his head, he realized it was the Korean man in his late 30s. He also had left Lee-joonhyuk, and Michael behind. Lee-joonhyuk didn't have much words to say to him. He looked over the bridge, then he spoke after he licked his lips.

"It is none of your business."

Lee-joonhyuk didn't blame him. However, he had no thoughts of laughing and sharing stories with him.

When Lee-joonhyuk didn't respond to him, the man became angry instead.

"You were the one who was too nosy. I did nothing wrong."

"I didn't say anything."

Lee-joonhyuk looked straight at the man as he spoke. Truthfully, Lee-joonhyuk had a lot of anger towards Atlan, and he was angry at this ridiculous situation.

When anger filled his eyes, the man closed his mouth, and he turned his gaze away.

Lee-joonhyuk still felt the sensation of the gold coin in his palm, so he was thinking about Michael's last moments. Lee-joonhyuk slowly turned his head, and he heard the people around him murmuring.

He followed the people's gaze, and he could see the woman standing in front of the guard tower's entrance. She had a robe on like a magician, and one could catch glimpses of her figure through the slight gaps in her robes. Her figure was breathtaking. One could see a good amount of skin, and it was no worse than being almost nude.

However, he didn't think she looked erotic. Also, she was 2 meters tall. (TLN: snu snu) She raised her forefinger, then she crooked it towards him. Lee-joonhyuk pointed at himself as he turned his head in question. The woman smiled deeply, then she spoke as she nodded her head.

"Yes. You there. Come here."

Lee-joonhyuk approached her. The others whispered behind his back, but he ignored it. When he stood in front of her, she spoke as she looked down at Lee-joonhyuk.

“Follow me.”

Lee-joonhyuk followed her into the guard tower. The guard tower was a bit special. Bricks weren’t stacked to make it, and there weren’t any seams. The tower seemed to be made out of a single stone. In the inner part of the tower, woods were embedded to act as stairs.

The woman climbed the stairs without saying anything, and Lee-joonhyuk followed her. Once they reached the top of the tower, the woman looked at Atlan as she spoke.

“I can explain it to him?

“He is qualified to hear it.”

Atlan turned around as if he had nothing else to say, then he spoke.

“I’ll be back.”

“Don’t over do it.”

Atlan coldly jeered as he replied.

“It all depends on what that crazy bastard does.”

As Atlan descended, the woman spoke as she took his arm into hers.

“You asked Atlan for an explanation?”

“Yes, I did.”

“You are fortunate that you didn’t die.”

Truthfully, Lee-joonhyuk knew he had almost died. The woman spoke, while she smiled.

“My name is Vera. If you have any questions, ask me. I’ll educate you to the best of my knowledge.”

Lee-joonhyuk asked a question he wanted to know most.

“Where is this place?”

“It is the Canyon of Death.”

Lee-joonhyuk frowned.

“You know that isn’t what I asked.”

Vera laughed with her eyes. He was taken aback by her height of 2 meters, but he knew she was quite the beauty.

“If I were to answer the root of your question, then this place is the Dimensional Battlefield.”

“The Dimensional Battlefield?”

“Yes. Resources are summoned from each dimension, and a battle takes place in the Dimensional Battlefield.”

Is what she said possible?

“Is this a dream?”

“Dream? I guess you could see it as that. Currently, your body should be asleep.”

Suddenly, a thought brushed by his mind.

“The Abnormal Sleeping Disorder?”

Vera shrugged her shoulder as she answered.

“Any ways, your soul has been summoned here. If you die in the Dimensional Battlefield, your soul will die. Then your body will never wake up.”

Lee-joonhyuk couldn’t help, but feel a chill. Currently, there were over 100 thousand people in a coma.

“Are you saying over 100 thousand people has been summoned here? Moreover, they had all died?”

“Only 100 thousand people? I guess it hasn’t been long since it started.”

“What do you mean?”

Vera walked toward Lee-joonhyuk. She approached him as she spoke.

“It hasn’t been long since the summoning started. The number will steadily increase.”

“Who dares to do such an act! Why are we summoned here without reason, and why do we have to die?”

Vera let out a clear laugh at his words. Then she replied with a face filled with mirth.

“Have you ever caught bugs, and made it fight each other?”

“What?”

“You guys are an existence akin to bugs.”

Lee-joonhyuk felt anger surge forth from his belly. However, he couldn’t vent it. Vera was looking at him with cold eyes.

It wasn’t as bad as Atlan, but the energy within Vera’s eyes indicated that he would die if he took a small misstep.

“You are pretty quick on the uptake.”

Lee-joonhyuk spat out a long sigh. He made a sarcastic remark as he looked at Vera.

“Are you also a bug?”

Vera once again laughed at his question.

“You really are fearless. Well, you did ask Atlan for an explanation, so you must be.”

Vera erased every trace of her mirth as she replied.

“People like Atlan and I have come here on a contract. We came here for the benefit to be earned in this place. We aren’t like you guys, who will be used and thrown away.”

Lee-joonhyuk realized it wouldn’t benefit him to offend Vera. Instead, he asked more questions he was curious about.

“I’ve heard I had Awakened to my ability. What does that mean?”

“Yes. He did say you had Awakened to your ability. What is your ability? Could you show it to me?”

“I cannot control it.”

Vera lifted her hand in front of her. A fireball formed in her hand.

“Are you sure?”

He was sure the fireball on top of Vera's hand will be thrown at him. Lee-joonhyuk thought he had to survive no matter what, which caused something to move within his chest. Soon, an ivory colored barrier was created.

When Vera saw this, she threw the fireball.

Boom!

The explosion occurred, but Lee-joonhyuk was unharmed. When the flamed disappeared, Vera's eye were opened wide. She spoke as she approached him.

"This is a pretty high ranked ability. It is a barrier resistant to both magic, and physical force."

While Vera was examining it, the barrier disappeared.

"The duration is only 10 seconds?"

This was an unexpected problem. The barrier could be only maintained for 10 seconds, so it was an ability one should use only when one's life was in danger.

She had a basic idea how this ability worked.

Vera cupped her chin for a moment, then she asked.

"Could you use it on another person?"

"What?"

It was hard enough to make it when he was trying to stay alive. However, she wanted him to use it on someone else? In the off chance it could work, Lee-joonhyuk waved his hand towards Vera, but there weren't any reaction.

Vera shrugged her shoulder.

"I guess it would have been weird if a high ranking ability could be used on another person. Also, you haven't really developed it."

"What do you mean by ability?"

Vera answered the question with a smile on her face.

"Previously, you asked me why you all were summoned here?"

"Yes."

"The reason is you guys have latent abilities."

“Latent abilities?”

Vera walked to edge of the tower, and she spoke as she pointed towards the people lined up below.

“Yes. Like you, they all have abilities. Even if the ability might be useless, they still have it.

Lee-joonhyuk joined Vera’s side, and he looked down. Below, Atlan had walked to the center of the bridge, and there were about 50 nervous people lined up behind him.

On the other side of the bridge, another man showed himself. The man was 3 meters tall with long hair, and he held a sword. He was a huge man, and Atlan only reached the height of his chest.

Vera spoke as she looked at them.

“Of course, amongst all of you, only a handful of people Awakened their ability.”

“What? Until now, there had been over 100 thousand people who had fallen into a coma yet only a handful of people Awakened their abilities?”

“I think it was around 7 people? You are included in this. Any ways, I heard all of the people, who had awakened to their abilities, are dead. They acted rashly.”

Even if one Awakened to one’s ability, it didn’t mean one would automatically survive. Vera sat on the edge of the tower, then she looked at Lee-joonhyuk.

“So the current figure is 7 people per hundred thousand people. Normally, there would only be 1 Awakened being per hundred thousand people. Now you know the reason why you guys were summoned here.” (TLN: higher rate of awakening) Hundred thousand people had already died, and their souls had perished? Vera smiled when she saw Lee-joonhyuk frown.

“Does it offend you?”

“Isn’t that obvious?”

Vera took a peek at the sky then she spoke.

“Just give it up. Even if you are offended by it, you won’t be able to do

anything.”

“You speak as if you know who did this.”

Vera spoke as she rolled her feet on the railing.

“I told you. We are those who came here on a contract.”

“Who is it?”

Vera jumped on top of the railing, then she started to dance.

“It’s a secret. You don’t have the qualification to know yet.”

Lee-joonhyuk thought for a moment before he showed the gold coin in his hand.

“What is this?”

Vera looked at the gold coin, and her eyes became round.

“Where did you get that?”

“It was left over when the person I came here with died.”

Vera answered as she hooked her arm in his.

“This is a present left by the person, who summoned you.”

“This is a present?”

“Yes. A present. This is an item considered to be precious in every dimension. This is the only currency you can use in the Dimensional Battlefield.”

“Will there be an occasion for me to use it?”

Vera spoke as she opened her arms towards the bottom of tower.

“Yes. Don’t you see the gold coins down there?”

Lee-joonhyuk felt resentment towards her. Previously, she treated them like bugs, but now she treated them like gold coins. When Vera turned towards him again, Lee-joonhyuk buried his animosity, and he asked a question.

“What is the meaning of a Minion?”

“Minion? Those who are beneath you. Servant. It roughly means that. Of course, you guys are only at that level.”

As he listened more and more, his anger welled up.

“Then why are you telling me all of this?”

Vera smiled deeply. She jumped, then she stood in front of Lee-joonhyuk. Vera lowered her head to see Lee-joonhyuk eye-to-eye before she spoke.

“You have already Awakened your ability. You are someone who climbed up from a Minion to a Novice.”

“What is a Novice?”

“It is a title given to those who have Awakened their first ability.”

Lee-joonhyuk’s eyes shined as he asked.

“That means I might Awaken more abilities?”

“That is unknown. If that is your only latent ability, you would be stuck at Novice. On the other hand, you might climb towards a higher status.”

Lee-joonhyuk thought for a moment before he opened his mouth.

“I guess that doesn’t really matter. Is there any way to return alive to the place I came from?”

“That is the most important question.”

Lee-joonhyuk swallowed dryly as he looked at her. Vera spoke, while smiling.

“You have to be victorious in the battlefield. Of course, you have to survive until you do so.”

Already, hundred thousand people had perished in this place. He could already guess how difficult it would be to return alive from this place.

Lee-joonhyuk tightened his grip on the gold coin, and he made a vow.

He’ll definitely survive and return.

Vera approached Lee-joonhyuk, then she whispered into his ear.

“Then please look after me until the day the battle ends.”

Chapter 8

TLN: As I've stated before, I'll be going back to 2 chapters a week release + any sponsored chapters.

<Legend of Legend (LOL)-New Employee(1) >

“That child is not allowed.”

“Mother. I love Hae-sook.”

“That child is your sister.” (TLN: Kdrama!)

His mind was still in the process of returning, but what kind of ridiculous plot is this! Lee-joonhyuk opened his eyes as he raised his head. He frowned from the sensation of stickiness on his face.

Zeeeeek.

When he touched his cheek, the cider he spilled before had dried. Lee-joonhyuk turned his gaze towards the television. The news had finished, and the evening drama was on.

Lee-joonkyuk took out his hand phone. As he checked the time, he let out a forced laugh.

“Only one hour had passed?”

Lee-joonhyuk briefly closed his eyes at the difference in time. His soul had suffered through the Canyon of Death for a month. However, in reality, only one hour had passed.

Lee-joonhyuk focused his mind, while he had his eyes close. He felt an energy wake up within a location inside his chest, and Lee-joonhyuk smiled.

“She spoke the truth.”

In front of Lee-joonhyuk's eyes, an ivory colored barrier appeared. After Lee-joonhyuk confirmed it was there, he slowly stood up from his seat.

After 10 seconds, the light barrier disappeared.

Rrrring.

He suddenly heard the phone ring, so Lee-joonhyuk looked at his hand phone. The LCD screen show his mother's number.

"Hello?"

-Joonhyuk? Are you ok? Why aren't you picking up your phone?

Lee-joonhyuk laughed bitterly. Within the hour he had been asleep, she must have called him.

"I'm ok. I fell asleep, so I couldn't answer it."

-I called after I saw you on the news. I was so worried when you didn't pick up the phone. Are you sure you are all right?

"Yes. I'm fine."

-I guess you didn't do well in your interview.

"I couldn't take it, because of the accident."

-Is that right? Any ways, when you have time, come back home once.

"Yes. Mother. Go to sleep."

Lee-joonhyuk ended the call, then he looked at the hand phone. There were 48 missed calls. It was all from his mother. Lee-joonhyuk stealthily smiled. When he heard his mother's voice, the fact that he returned safely finally touched his heart.

"I guess I have no choice, but to lie to her."

His mother had boasted to her friends that he had made it to ST Capsule's interview screening. Any ways, he made up a story, so it should be ok.

Lee-joonhyuk slowly looked around his room again. Only one hour had passed in reality, but he had felt the time of one month pass. It really felt like he had returned after a long time.

" It's been a long time."

He mumbled in a low voice. First, Lee-joonhyuk went to the bathroom to take a shower. He took off his cloth, and he unwound the bandages. Then he looked

at his body reflected in the mirror. He licked his lips.

“I should train like Atlan told me to.”

His stomach was slightly protruding. It was the typical body of a man, who didn’t exercise.

However, Atlan had told him the body should be trained as much as his soul had been trained. If he didn’t, there would be a dissonance between the soul and the physical body. It would damage the body.

It was only for a month, but he had gotten quite close to Vera and Atlan. It was natural for them to grow close in a battle field where death was abound, and this was why he was able to receive this advice.

Lee-joonhyuk looked into his mirror for a moment. Then he turned on the shower nozzle, and he sprayed it over his body. He felt the cool water fall on his body, and Lee-joonhyuk assured himself that he was still alive.

Lee-joonhyuk slowly opened his eyes as the cold water ran down him.

“Come to think of it, I’m all better.”

His broken rib and the wound on his shin had completely healed. When he fell into the Abnormal Sleeping Disorder, his body had returned itself to its most optimal state.

“Should I consider myself fortunate?”

Lee-joonhyuk shook his head. He couldn’t consider this as being fortunate. He had to escape from multiple throes of death in that place. In the end, he had survived, but it wasn’t an easy task.

“They said they’ll call me again?”

He didn’t want to experience the battlefield of death again, but he knew he couldn’t reject it through his own will.

In terms of time in reality, it would be in two weeks. He’ll be summoned again at the same time as before.

“At least, that’s a piece of good news.”

He would have been found out by others as an ASD patient if it wasn’t for

dinner time.

Lee-joonhyuk exited his restroom, then he put on a training suit. Since he made his resolve, he should start on it.

Lee-joonhyuk went outside, and he took a deep breath. Air came deeply into his lungs. It was a different sensation from feeling it as a soul.

Lee-joonhyuk smiled as he started to jog lightly. In terms of time in reality, only one hour had passed, but Lee-joonhyuk's perspective in life had changed.

He exercised all weekend. Then on Monday morning, he ran once around his neighborhood, while drinking in the early morning air. When he was returning to his rented room, there were men guarding the front of the corridor leading to his room.

The two men wore black suits, and when the men saw Lee-joonhyuk, they approached him.

“What brings you here?”

One of the men, who turned his head, fixed his glasses as he spoke.

“Are you Lee-joonhyuk?”

“Yes. I am Lee-joonhyuk.”

The man with the glasses laughed as he took out his business card.

“My name is Kwang-suktae. I’m a proxy from the Korean division of W.A.N.C.S.”

Kwang-sungtae smiled as he spoke.

“If it is possible, may we talk to you inside your home?”

“Please enter.”

Lee-joonhyuk opened the door to his rented room then he entered. It wasn’t a large room, but he always cleaned it. Therefore, he wasn’t averse to guest coming into his room.

Lee-joonhyuk went to fridge, and he opened it. There weren’t any beverages, so he put two cups of water on the table as he spoke.

“Please sit.”

Kwang-sungtae and the other man sat. Lee-joonhyuk took out his wallet, and he took out his ID card.

“You are here for this?”

Lee-joonhyuk also took out his receipt for the hospital and pharmacy bills. When he brought out the receipt, the man next to Kwang-sungtae eyed it then he took it. Kwang-sungtae pushed his glasses up as he spoke.

“From what I hear, you received a wound on your leg. Isn’t it uncomfortable to move?”

“I’ve received 30 stitches, but it doesn’t hinder me from walking. Moreover, one should move more when hurt.”

“I see.”

“I was going to visit you guys first, but I didn’t expect you to come to me first.”

Kwang-suktae stared at Lee-joonhyuk before he opened his mouth.

“This case has become a big issue.”

Two ASD patients had crashed the bus, and car into each other. Moreover, the vehicles had exploded, so of course, it would become an issue. Moreover, it had spread rapidly on the the SNS.

“This is the only part that the insurance has to take care of.”

“In the future, if you go to the hospital again, just save your receipts. It’ll all be reimbursed, so you don’t have to worry about that part.”

“I understand. Do I call the number on the business card?”

“Yes.”

Lee-joonhyuk considered the conversation to have ended. However, even after they drunk their water, they didn’t show any indications of standing up.

“Do you still have something more to say?”

As if he was waiting for these words, Kwang-sungtae replied.

“This incident caused people to look at Abnormal Sleeping Disorder in a different light. Therefore, we of the W.A.N.C.S. would like to contract Mr. Lee-

joonhyuk as the public service announcement model.”

“A public service announcement model?”

“Yes. Since it is a role as the public service announcement model, we won’t be able to pay a lot for your appearance, but we will deposit a modest amount of payment.”

He was tempted at the appearance fee, but Lee-joonhyuk shook his head. He’ll be summoned again in two weeks. He had Awakened to his ability in that place, but his life was in constant danger.

If he became the public service announcement model and he went into a comatose state, then the fear against the Abnormal Sleeping Disorder would grow exponentially.

Moreover, he just wanted to live a normal life.

“I’m sorry.”

Kwang-sungtae tried to persuade him again.

“Your video has been shown on the Friday night news, and it has been uploaded on the SNS. The views are exploding right now. If we shoot a public announcement commercial, then there would be a massive effect.”

Lee-joonhyuk put his determined intention into his answer.

“I’m sorry. I want to live a normal life.”

Lee-joonhyuk didn’t even give the other a chance to speak again. For a moment, Kwang-sungtae waited with his mouth open, but he let out a sigh as he spoke.

“I understand. If you change your mind, you can contact me any time.”

“Please take care.”

Lee-joonhyuk let them out, then he looked at the business card in his hand.

“The appearance fee would have been nice.”

Lee-joonhyuk was staying at home without earning a single cent. He was in a situation where he was receiving spending money, so it was a tempting offer. However, he didn’t want to draw attention to himself.

Lee-joonhyuk threw the business card on the table, then he started to do some sit-ups. Currently, his mind was focused on coming back alive in two weeks, so he didn't have time to be distracted.

When he was about to pull his upper body up, his hand phone rang.

Rrring.

Lee-joonhyuk grabbed his hand phone, but it was an unknown number. Lee-joonhyuk stopped exercising as he answered the phone.

"This is Lee-joonhyuk."

-Hello. This is In-sahgwa from ST Capsule's human resources. Are you Lee-joonkyuk?

"Yes. What can I do for you?"

"Congratulations. I'm calling to inform you that you passed the ST Capsule's final examination. Please check your detailed schedule on the homepage.

"I passed?"

Lee-joonhyuk stared at his hand phone for a moment.

"Is this some kind of prank?"

The interviewer had criticized him so much, yet he passed?

-You can check it yourself on the homepage. The names of final successful applicants, and the orientation schedule is on there. Please look over it.

-I, I understand."

-Please have a nice day. This was Lee-nayoung from the human resources.

Before the phone call could end, Lee-joonhyuk had hastily turned on his computer. He had rejected the eye-catching role of public service announcement model, but he had no reasons to reject this job offer.

He'll be summoned on Friday nights, so it would be a good idea for him to find an occupation.

Lee-joonhyuk glared at his slow computer, and he mumbled.

"This slow shitty ass computer."

Lee-joonhyuk couldn't wait for his computer to boot, so he finally connected to the internet through his smart phone. He accessed the ST Capsule's homepage, then he looked at the page with the names of the people who passed the candidacy.

Then he was able to confirm his name on the list.

"I really passed?"

He went to the interview location just in case. He still expected them to say he had failed, but he had passed.

Lee-joonhyuk turned his head, and he looked at the television.

"Is it because of the news?"

There was a massive difference between having his face show up on the SNS, and on the news. Lee-joonhyuk knew something was up, so he searched for the video of him.

He did a real time search, and his mouth dropped when he saw the number of views on the video.

"20 million views?"

It had been only 3 days, so it was hard to believe the number of views. Lee-joonhyuk held his pounding chest for a moment before he checked the orientation schedule.

"There is a 3 days orientation from Wednesday to Friday."

Lee-joonhyuk was happier than the moment he had come back alive. He picked up his hand phone to call home. After the signal went through, he heard the voice of his brusque father.

-Is that you, Joonhyuk?

"Yes. Father. This is Joonhyuk."

-What is it?

"Father. I was able to get into ST Capsule."

There was a brief silence that passed between the phones.

-Didn't you say you weren't able to take the interview?

“To tell you the truth, I went to the interview right after the accident. I thought mother would worry about it, so I didn’t tell her.”

-Is that right? Congratulations.

“I have orientations, so I’ll see you both in the weekends.

-You do that.

The phone call ended, and he could only smile as he thought of his father’s face across the phone. He got up energetically.

“Ok. Since I’ve passed, I should go keep my promise.

Chapter 9

TLN: This is the first schedule chapter. I'll probably work on Dragon Maken War for the other scheduled chapter.

< Legend of Legend(LOL)-New Employee(2) >

Lee-joonhyuk ran towards the convenience store in his training suit. It was morning still, so Shin-soyun should still be there.

Lee-joonhyuk looked in through the glass door, and he was Shin-soyun organizing delivered items. He entered.

“Welcome.”

Shin-soyun got up from her seat. When she checked it was Lee-joonhyuk, she couldn't hide her worried expression.

“Is your body ok?”

“I'm on wings after I drank that cider.”

Shin-soyun burst into laughters at Lee-joonhyuk's words.

“That's good.”

While Shin-soyun was organizing, Lee-joonhyuk brought two triangle kimbab, and two banana milk. Once he put the items on the counter, Shin-soyun went behind the counter to ring him up. Then she carefully looked at Lee-joonhyuk.

When she finished ringing him up, he pushed a triangle kimbab, and a banana milk towards her.

“I promised you this.”

“You had another interview on the weekends?”

Lee-joonhyuk spoke as he ripped the triangle kimbab out.

“Nope.”

Shin-soyun's eyes became round as she asked.

“Then where did you get in?”

“I was able to get into ST Capsule.”

“Really?”

It was a large corporation, which was ranked 3rd in Korea. When Shin-soyun heard he had passed, she looked at Lee-joonhyuk with sparkling eyes. Lee-joonhyuk took a bite of the triangle kimbab. He spoke, while he laughed.

“This is why I’m buying.”

Shin-soyun looked at Lee-joonhyuk as if she was impressed, then she snuck a glance around her surrounding. She didn’t have any customers, so she also ripped the triangle kimbab open. She skipped breakfast, so she was a bit hungry.

Shin-soyun raised the triangle kimbab then she spoke.

“Thank you for the food.”

Lee-joonhyuk watched Shin-soyool eat the triangle kimbab, and he stuffed his left-over triangle kimbab into his mouth. Then he opened the banana milk, and he downed it in one-shot.

While he was struggling to live for one month, he sometimes thought about Shin-soyun.

The last girl friend he had was in high school. While he was in the military, he had been betrayed by a woman.(TLN:See below for explanation) This was why he didn’t date any women even when he returned to college.
This was the reason why he had gotten relatively good grades.

When he was moving back and forth between the line of death, he had thought of Shin-soyun, who always bright and energetic.

We wasn’t sure what his feeling was towards her, but he just knew he felt good when he was around her. Lee-joonhyuk spoke after he threw the wrapper for the triangle kimbab, and banana milk into the trash can.

“When I receive my first pay check, I’ll buy you a much better dinner.”

Shin-soyun was a little bit taken aback by Lee-joonhyuk’s words. She didn’t mind drinking milk or eating a triangle kimbab, but she felt a little bit shy having

dinner somewhere else.

“Are you asking me out on a date?”

Instead, Lee-joonhyuk was more taken aback at those words. He scratched his head, and Lee-joonhyuk mumbled.

“It doesn’t have to be. I was able to pass with the help of your encouragement, so I’m very thankful.”

Shin-soyun let out a clear laugh as she looked at the nervous Lee-joonhyuk.

“I’m just joking.”

Shin-soyun spoke as she smiled.

“Now that you have entered a big company, you are going to have to buy me dinner.”

“I’ll buy you a big dinner. I will.”

Lee-joonhyuk spoke as he lightly tapped his chest.

“I’ll be starting a 3 day and 2 night orientation, so I won’t be able to come until Friday. Don’t wait for me.”

“I’ve never waited for you?”

Shin-soyool spoke with round eyes. Lee-joonhyuk made a wounded expression as he spoke.

“If you say it like that then I have no choice. I’ll be going now.”

“I was just kidding. I waited for you since I wanted to drink the banana milk.”

Lee-joonhyuk spoke with a confident expression.

“All right. I’ll buy you a banana milk everyday once I officially start work.”

Shin-soyool stuck out her tongue slightly then she spoke.

“Then I’ll become burdened.”

“Is that so?”

“Just visit me occasionally like right now.”

Truthfully, he purposefully came here on the day he had the interview. He

wanted to receive her encouragment. He was a someone who was getting ready to get a job, so his money situation was obvious.

“I’ll do that. I’ll head out now. See you next time.”

Lee-joonhyuk waved his hand, then he went outside. Lee-joonhyuk had already lightly warmed up, so he ran full speed to his rented room.

He had only exercised for two days. However, his soul survived such a harsh environment. This caused his body adapt quickly. Atlan was right. If one part develops then the other part follows.

He had been warned about becoming imbalanced, so he ran hard to balance himself. Lee-joonhyuk opened the door to his room, and he entered. Then he started to do a handstand.

“Phew.”

He had average athletic abilities, so it wasn’t too hard for Lee-joonhyuk to find his balance. He slowly started to do a push up in this state. Eventually, he lost his balance and he lay flat like a star fish on the floor.

He used a fall technique the moment he started to fall down, so he was able to reduce the impact. Lee-joonhyuk looked at the ceiling of his roomas he mumbled.

“Is it a date?”

Lee-joonhyuk remembered the words of Shin-soyun. He let out a laugh then he started to do sit-ups.

“Phew. Phew.”

He had to try his best to remake his body to survive the next summoning. He also had to train his ability. In between all of this, he had to get used to the company he had been hired to.

It felt like he wouldn’t have time to enjoy something like a date.

Lee-joonhyuk wore a backpack over his formal wear as he once again stood in front of the 12 floored building.

After standing in front of the ST Capsule building, he started to walk

energetically as he took in a deep breath. He entered the 1st floor lobby, and he talked to the the help desk.

“I’m here to participate in the new employee’s orientation. Where do I have to go?”

“Please use the stairway on the right to go to the 1st basement. You will arrive at an assembly hall. You have to go there.”

“Thank you.”

Lee-joonhyuk bowed his head, then he started walk. Lee-joonhyuk went to the basement floor, and he saw the assembly hall. Since it was an assembly hall for a large company, it was quite larger than his college’s assembly hall.

Lee-joonhyuk opened the door and when he entered, he saw several small groups conversing with each other. Lee-joonhyuk looked over them once, then he started to walk towards them.

Everyone was gathered in the front, so Lee-joonhyuk had to search for a seat. As he sat in an empty seat, everyone’s gaze was drawn towards him.

They all whispered in a small voice, but Lee-joonhyuk’s ears could pick up all their voices. In the Canyon of Death, he couldn’t afford to miss even the smallest of sounds. If he did then he could lose his life from a monster’s ambush. This was why his senses had become more acute.

“Who is that?”

“He looks familiar, but I don’t know who he is.”

Then, a woman amongst them opened her mouth.

“Isn’t he the guy from the video?”

“Oh! I think you are right?”

“He is one of our new employees?”

Lee-joonhyuk felt embarrassed by their whispers, so he stood up from his seat. They were probably his co-workers, who joined at the same time. From amongst them, their might be those who might be assigned to the same department as him.

“Hello? My name is Lee-joonhyuk.”

Lee-joonhyuk introduced himself, so they could no longer talk behind his back. A woman raised her hand as she asked a question.

“Are you the the person from the recent hot video?”

“If you are talking about the bus accident, then you are right.”

The women started to whisper to each other, and at that moment, a man raised his hand. He wore glasses, and at a glance, he looked to have a confident expression.

“Did you take the interview on the same day as the accident?”

“The accident had somewhat been taken care of, so I came to this place straight away.”

“Even when you had injuries?”

Lee-joonhyuk knew what this man was trying to ferret out. He kept his gaze on the man as Lee-joonhyuk nodded his head.

“I thought I would have regret if I failed without even taking the interview. This was why I did what I did. However, I heard a stinging lecture on that day. She said how could I sell medical devices when I don’t even take care of my own body.”

“Then how were you able to pass?”

Lee-joonhyuk replied back nonchalantly.

“Only the interviewers would know that answer.”

The man frowned at Lee-joonhyuuk’s answer. However, Lee-joonhyuk continued to speak, while ignoring the other’s reaction.

“Any ways, I look forward to working with you all, my fellow employees.”

“I look forward to working with you.”

The women gave their greeting. Lee-joonhyuk slightly bowed his head, then he took his seat again. He sat in the front seat, so he felt their gazes on the back of his head. However, he ignored it, since he wasn’t facing them.

The whispers started up again, but soon the door to the assembly hall opened. Five people with employee badges entered. These were the employees participating in the new employee orientation, so everyone moved into their seats.

When they instructed the new employees to sit in the front, the man with the glasses sat next to Lee-joonhyuk. When he sat down next to Lee-joonhyuk, he slightly frowned as if his pride had been hurt. However, Lee-joonhyuk didn't pay any attention to him.

When the 20 new employees all sat in their seats, one woman climbed up to assembly hall's stage. Lee-joonhyuk's eyes widened slightly when he saw her.

It was the lady with glasses from the interview, who had lectured him.

"I see every top new employees are present."

She pushed her glasses up, then she looked at the group with a haughty expression.

"My name is Kim-oonsuh. I'm the director in charge of strategic planning. It is good to meet you all."

The department in charge of strategic planning was one of the main department of the company. When she said she was the director of a department, everyone became very nervous. Once they found out the woman in front of them was in charge of a main department, they couldn't help but sit straight in their seats.

Kim-oonsuh looked around as she spoke.

"I'm in charge of the orientation, so I'll be with you for 3 days and 2 nights."

Kim-oonsuh glanced at the tablet she brought, then she spoke.

"Mr. Kim-jangho."

"Yes."

Lee-joonhyuk looked at the man next to him, who stood up abruptly. He stood up with a confident expression.

Kim-oonsuh spoke as she looked at him.

“You are one of the top applicants. During the 3 days and 2 nights, you will be in charge of the 1st group consisting of ten members.”

“I’ll work hard.”

“Also, Mr. Lee-joonhyuk.”

“Yes.”

When Lee-joonhyuk stood up, Kim-oonsuh spoke calmly.

“Mr. Lee-joonhyuk will be in charge of the 2nd group of ten members. Each group will have 10 members, so please choose who you want to team up with. It is up to you to decide.”

For some unknown reason, Kim-jangho stared daggers at Lee-joonhyuk when he heard Kim-oonsuh’s words. Lee-joonhyuk replied, while ignoring the other’s gaze.

“Understood.”

Kim-oonsuh spoke as she put away her tablet.

“After 30 minutes, we will ride a bus for a field trip. We will be going to a water supply factory, so please pick your members until then. I’ll see you all at the water supply factory.”

Lee-joonhyuk turned around to talk to the new employees after Kim-oonsuh finished her words and left.

“If anyone wants to join the second group, please speak up.”

Before Lee-joonhyuk could finish his words, all the women raised their hands. When all 7 women raise their hands, two men also raised their hand as they studied the others.

Lee-joonhyuk hadn’t expected to fill his group in one fell swoop, so he looked for the person with the employee nameplate. The nameplate said his name was deputy head Jang-woogun.

“Deputy head Jang. I believe we’ve chosen our group.”

“You are quite popular, Mr. Lee-joonhyuk.”

Jang-woogun took out the name tags, and he sorted it.

“After I pass out the nameplates, let us talk. We should, at the very least introduce ourselves to each other.”

Lee-joonhyuk received his nameplate, then he secretly glanced at Kim-jangho. He seemed to be in a bit of bad mood after seeing Lee-joonhyuk’s popularity, but Lee-joonhyuk didn’t pay much attention to it.

“The second group should head towards the back. I’ll hand out your nameplates.”

TLN: There is a saying, “a woman who wears her rubber shoes backward.” It is an idiom in Korea that refers to woman who cheats on the man, who is in mandatory military service. The woman is expected to wait for the man, but it is a long time for a woman to wait. Korean military service is 21 months.

Chapter 10

< Legend of Legend(LOL)-New Employee(3) >

The people, who came to the the ST Capsule's supply factory, couldn't help but open their mouths. Every process was automated, and the only employee deployed there were the inspectors.

Lee-joonhyuk smiled at the sight of the machines moving to complete the Capsules. Since he had entered a big corporation, he had one more reason to stay alive.

He have to stay alive.

Deputy head Jang gave a simple briefing. Lee-joonhyuk glanced to his side to see Kim-oonsuh, who was looking at her tablet.

He thought about the question she had asked him. Then he thought about the answer he gave her. In the end, he thought his way of thinking was right.

Lee-joonhyuk wasn't currently in a position to be hear about 'those people'. Those people were summoning people over.

There probably will be a summoning this week. He worried about the numerous number of people, who might fall into a coma.

At that moment, Kim-oonsuh was secretly looking around, and she met Lee-joonhyuk's eyes. When Lee-joonhyuk met her eyes, he tried to smile a little bit. However, Kim-oonsuh turned her gaze back to her tablet with a flat expression.

He heard deputy head Jang's voice.

"This process allows us to make about ten thousand unit a week, but we might have to expand that amount soon."

There were about 6 thousand new coma patients formed every week. The mass comatose patients were put into Capsules by W.A.N.C.S., and they were supplied a fixed amount.

In case of the coma patients in normal hospitals, the hospital had to purchase it

or the guardians of the comatose patient had to request the purchase.

The number was quite formidable, so they had to make over ten thousand Capsules a week.

After everyone finished their tour of the ST Capsule factory, everyone went outside. In front of the bus, Kim-oonsuh took charge.

“We are going to move to our company’s training facilities. Please get on the vehicles.”

Lee-joonhyuk got on the bus with his 2nd group members. There were two small buses, and each group got on one of the vehicles with the employees in charge of their progress. Deputy director Jang and two other employees got on the vehicle with Lee-joonhyuk.

When Lee-joonhyuk got on the vehicle, he went to his seat and he closed his eyes. He didn’t want to waste energy talking to other people, while they were on the move.

For the past couple days, he had focused on exercising, so he hadn’t been able to leave his body alone. While he had his eyes close, Lee-joonhyuk sent strength to different parts of his entire body.

While he was doing this, someone came and sat next to Lee-joonhyuk’s seat. The perfume tickled his nose, so Lee-joonhyuk opened his eyes.

“You are always by yourself?”

Amongst the people who entered the company at the same time as Lee-joonhyuk, Jun-somin had the most exceptional appearance. He wasn’t too happy with her attempt at trying to get close to him. Of course, a beauty approaching him was a good thing, but as the old saying goes, appearance wasn’t everything.

“Do you have something to say to me?”

“I can’t sit next to you if I don’t have anything to say?”

Lee-joonhyuk smiled bitterly as he replied.

“No. I thought I would close my eyes.”

“Hoong.”

Jun-somin slightly tilted her head, and her bobbed hair softly fell onto her

shoulder. Lee-joonhyuk close his eyes then he spoke.

“Please excuse me.”

When Lee-joonhyuk closed his eyes, and he didn’t show any signs of wanting to talk, Jun-somin stared at him as if he was unusual. Jun-somin knew what her weapons was.

She had always been treated well by people around her, because of her outstanding appearance. This time, when she was hired by ST Capsule, her value had increased a lot. However, Lee-joonhyuk didn’t even show the slightest interest in her.

Lee-joonhyuk wasn’t that good looking. If she was to rate his appearance, he would be categorized in the upper category, but there were many people with better looks.

However, there was something that drew her to Lee-joonhyuk. He had a confident attitude, and sometimes she could see within his deep eyes that he was experienced, which was inconsistent with his age.

This was why Jun-somin tried to approach him first. However, he had closed his eyes even with her at his side. It scratched against her pride.

This was why Jun-somin kept sitting next. She folded her arms, then she also closed her eyes. When the tension went away, she eventually fell asleep.

Lee-joonhyuk saw Jun-somin sit next to him, and he saw her also close her eyes like him. Then she fell asleep. He had closed his eyes to train, so what was she trying to doing?

After a brief time, she had fallen asleep, and her head soon came to rest on his shoulder. It would be weird to push her head away. Lee-joonhyuk let her use his shoulder, so she could comfortably lean against it. On the other side, he was moving his muscles as he tuned it.

One of the methods Atlan taught him was a way to control each of his muscles. If he was able control his muscles, then he would be able to squeeze out the maximum amount of muscle strength.

Moreover, the muscles used in battle differed from muscles used in everyday

life. By controlling the muscles rarely used, one could produce enormous amount of power.

This was why Lee-joonhyuk was putting strength into various parts of his body. He was focusing on trying to find, which muscles moved. The human body has 640 muscles. Lee-joonhyuk could only differentiate the large muscles right now, but he was starting to understand the muscles one at a time. He had yet to understand half of it, so Lee-joonhyuk had to concentrate, while cutting back on his sleep.

The bus arrived at the training facilities, so Lee-joonhyuk could no longer let her use his shoulder.

“Miss Jun-somin.”

“Ooh-oong?”

Jun-somin slowly opened her eyes, and she woke up in surprise. She came to realize she had slept, while using Lee-joonhyuk’s shoulder as a pillow. She turned her head towards the window, then she took out a mirror to check the state of her face.

She let out a sigh of relief when she saw there weren’t anything especially out of order. She spoke as she stood up.

“Why didn’t you wake me?”

“I was also asleep, so I didn’t know.”

He said this to lessen her embarrassment at least a little bit. Lee-joonhyuk stood up from his seat, and he put his backpack on. As he got up, Jun-somin saw the stain on Lee-joonhyuk’s arm. She hurriedly got off the bus with a red face.

Lee-joonhyuk’s cloth was wet, because Jun-somin had drooled on him, while she slept. He took out a handkerchief, and he wiped it off before he got off the bus. When he got off the bus, he saw the Chunma mountain.

The ST Capsule’s training facilities was built with the Chunma mountain at its back. The facility’s size was quite unusual. They were surprise since the training facilities was too big just to house only 20 people. Deputy head Jang started to give an explanation.

“This training facility can house up to 3000 employees. First, we’ll assign where you will sleep. Please follow the personnel for this event. When your lodgings have been chosen, please unpack your belongings. Then we are planning to eat lunch, so please come down after a change of clothes. The clothes you will have to change into will be within the closet of your room. Lunch will be held at the facility’s cafeteria, so please come to that location.”

Kim-oonsuh left with deputy head Jang, then the personnel for the event stepped forward to guide them. Lee-joonhyuk followed them to the facility’s lodging, and he was assigned a room.

The facility’s quarters were made to house two people. Lee-joonhyuk smiled when he saw the person, who he had to share a room with.

“What is so funny?”

“Nothing. I’ll choose my spot first.”

“I’ll sleep near the window.”

When he saw Kim-jangho unpack his belongings on the bed, Lee-joonhyuk unpacked his belonging on the bed located in the inner part of the room.

Kim-jangho took the initiative to speak to Lee-joonhyuk.

“Even though we are going to use the same room, please don’t think we’ve gotten closer to each other.” (TLN: basically don’t think of me as a friend speech)

“Is there a reason why we have to distance ourselves from each other?”

When Lee-joonhyuk asked this question to Kim-jangho, he replied back as he pushed his glasses up with his middle finger.

“Mr. Lee-joonhyuk. Which university did you graduate from?”

“Han-jin university.”

“Look at that. I graduated at the top of my class in business administration from Hankook University.”

Lee-joonhyuk turned around, and he looked at Kim-jangho anew. He had graduated from the best university in Korea, and he had graduated top of his class. This was why he was able to confidently become the top freshmen at ST

Capsule. Maybe Kim-jangho had always been in first place, and he hadn't given up that spot to anyone in all his life.

"I didn't know. That's good."

Lee-joonhyuk had gone to a place where such titles were meaningless, so he replied nonchalantly.

"If you are going to keep your distance from me, then I'll do the same."

"Thank you."

From Kim-jangho's perspective, he despised people like Lee-joonhyuk, who had been accepted through luck. Until now, he had used his outstanding intellect and effort to get to where he was. On the other hand, Lee-joonhyuk had saved people from an accident, and he had rapidly become an internet star. It was the reason why he got in.

How could he not hate the guy?

Lee-joonhyuk didn't want to exhaust his mental power on others. He opened the closet to put away his clothes, and he saw the clothes mentioned by deputy head Jang.

Amongst the gray clothes, he took the biggest one out, and he placed it on the bed. Kim-jangho looked at him before he also placed the clothes on the bed. Then he started to take off his clothes.

He secretly glanced at Lee-joonhyuk's upper body, and Kim-jangho swallowed dryly. Lee-joonhyuk's body was twitching with muscles.

If someone found out he had developed these muscles in five days, no one would believe him. Lee-joonhyuk's body was cut with muscles. His physical body grew rapidly to match his matured soul.

Lee-joonhyuk put on the clothes, and he pulled the zipper up to his chin. Then he looked at Kim-jangho.

"I'll head out first."

Once Kim-jangho nodded his head, Lee-joonhyuk walked outside. Kim-jangho was alone in the room, and he looked down at his body as he disrobed. Until now, he thought he had to do just enough exercise, so his health wouldn't be

affected. However, he thought about changing his mind after seeing Lee-joonhyuk's body.

"Hoong. My body is like this since I didn't try. I could be like him if I tried."

Kim-jangho would be satisfied only if he was in 1st place in whatever he did. Kim-jangho quickly put on his clothes, pulled up his zipper, and he headed outside.

When he did, he saw Lee-joonhyuk heading towards the cafeteria surrounded by all the female employees.

"Hoong."

The schedule after lunch was to show the new employees the vision ST Capsule held for the future, then they gave audio visual data about the various area of the company they were working in. Since this was the time to grow their loyalty to the company, Kim-oonsuh stepped forward to speak after dinner.

"Everyone did well today. We will continue to educate you tomorrow, but let us rest comfortably for today. Come to the cafeteria. We prepared a get-together." (TLN:get-together=>usually after work, employees have a huae-shik. It is supposed to help bond the employees, but usually its the time to get plastered with alcohol)

Everyone let out a cheer. Kim-oohsuh left with a calm expression, and deputy head Jang stepped forward.

"Alright. Let us all go to the cafeteria."

They followed deputy head Jang to the cafeteria, and their mouth drooped opened when they saw the prepared get-together. They had prepared a buffet. Also, the chefs had personally come out to grill, and cut the meats. It made their mouths water.

"Is this the grandeur of a big company?"

Deputy head Jang spoke, while laughing.

"First, go gather some food, and you can go eat over there."

Deputy head Jang pointed towards a location in front of the stage. It seemed like they were planning on having a talent show. Soon, Lee-joonhyuk gathered

two dishes, and he hurriedly swept the food onto his plates. Then he hauled the two plates stacked with food toward the location deputy head Jang had pointed out. He sat down.

After he started exercising, the amount of food he ate increased dramatically. He considered it a side-effect of his rapidly grown muscles. Lee-joonhyuk wouldn't miss this opportunity to eat. Lee-joonhyuk lowered his head, then he started inhaling the food like a violent storm.

Someone sat in front of him. Lee-joonhyuk stealthily glanced up, and he saw Kim-oonsuh sit down. She had brought a salad and some sushi.

"Cough."

Lee-joonhyuk was taken aback, so he let out a cough. Why was Kim-oonsuh sitting in front of him instead of someone else?

Kim-oonsuh frowned a little bit when she saw Lee-joonhyuk cough. Couple grains of rice had flown out.

She spoke.

"Should I go sit somewhere else?"

"No."

Lee-joonhyuk wiped his mouth with the napkin that was placed next to him. When he answered, Kim-oonsuh didn't say much. She just started to eat her salad.

When none other than Kim-oonsuh sat in front of him, no one approached them.

After seeing Kim-oonsuh eat her food without talking, Lee-joonhyuk started to eat the rest of his food. After awhile, Kim-oonsuh finished her food first, so she spoke to him.

"I heard W.A.N.C.S. wanted to hire you as their public service announcement model, and you refused them?"

Lee-joonhyuk swallowed the food in his mouth, then he drank some water. After his mouth was clean, Lee-joonhyuk spoke as he looked into her eyes.

“Yes. I declined.”

“What was your reason?”

“I just want to live a normal life.”

“You do realize that it is too late to lead a normal life?”

When Lee-joonhyuk couldn’t answer back, Kim-oonsuh spoke in a low voice.

“We are planning to make Mr. Lee-joonhuk an employee model. If you refuse, we have no reason to pick you as an employee.”

Lee-joonhyuk took a quick glance around his surrounding. Everyone was sitting far from them, so they couldn’t hear the conversation between the two.

“Are you saying I’m suppose to do a company commercial?”

“That’s right.”

“Was I hired because of the video?”

“I won’t deny it.”

Lee-joonhyuk thought for a moment.

“If I’m filmed in the commercial as the company model, then I won’t receive the commercial fee?”

Kim-oonsuh replied with a smile on her face.

“How could we do that? We’ll give you the model fee.”

Lee-joonhyuk let out a deep sigh. If it was possible, he wanted to live a normal life, but he had no choice.

“I understand.”

When Lee-joonhyuk meekly accepted his situation, Kim-oonsuh smiled. He couldn’t tell before, because she had on a calm expression all the time. Her face came alive when she smiled.

“I was worried you would turned us down since you also turned down W.A.N.C.S.’s offer. I’ll look forward to your future cooperation.”

When Kim-oonsuh put her hand out, Lee-joonhyuk shook her hand. Everyone had their eyes on them, but he was able to easily ignore it.

“Your smile really suits you.”

Kim-oonsuh controlled her expression, then she turned and walked away. When Kim-oonsuh moved away from him, Lee-joonhyuk went to get more food.

He still wasn’t full. When he returned to his seat with his food, Jun-somin was already sitting in front of his seat. She spoke to him, while smiling.

“Do you mind if I sit here?”

He wouldn’t be able to eat his food in comfort today.

Chapter 11

< Legend of Legend(LOL)-New Employee(4) >

Lee-joonhyuk was eating another two dishes of food. Jun-somin lightly smiled at his figure. Then she spoke as she ate the soba noodle she brought.

“Director Kim-oonsuh spoke directly to you. Did she ask you to join the Strategic Planning department at the headquarters?”

Lee-joonhyuk shook his head from side to side.

“No. I was picked as an employee model.”

Jun-somin could only stare at Lee-joonhyuk, who had given a truthful answer. He didn’t even give her the chance to talk to him on the bus, and now he was answering her question way too honestly. She had no idea which was his true self.

At that moment, Lee-joonhyuk raised his head, and he smiled.

“This is unexpected.”

“What?”

Lee-joonhyuk pointed towards her back with his chin. Jun-somin turned her head to look at the people, who climbed the stairs. The piano started to play, and a female started to sing a jazz song as held on to the mic stand.

The voice was sweet and sticky.

Jun-somin watched the singer with the sexy voice, then she turned head back. However, Lee-joonhyuk was already gone from his seat.

She was taken aback, so she started looking around. Lee-joonhyuk was already at the buffet table with his dishes.

“He’s acting like someone, who is at his first buffet.”

Maybe it was because she had a favorable impression of him, but his actions were cute to her. Jun-somin moved her seat. She moved to the seat next to Lee-

joonhyuk, then she started eating as she appreciated the jazz music.

Soon, Lee-joonhyuk had brought his food back, and he tried to sit in the opposite seat of Jun-somin. Jun-somin patted the seat next to her as she spoke.

“We sat next to each other on the bus, so why are you trying to sit by yourself?”

“This is different from the bus.”

Lee-joonhyuk spoke as he bit into the ribs he brought.

“We don’t know each other well enough to sit next to each other.”

“You are a hard man to please.”

“I’m not an easy man.”

Lee-joonhyuk showed her his smile, then he started inhaling the food on the dishes. Jun-somin let out a laugh when she saw him, then she started to focus on her dinner as she listened carefully to the jazz songs.

Kim-jangho grinded his teeth, while he watched the two of them.

Lee-joonhyuk was inferior to him in every facet. He had coincidentally gotten involved in an accident. He did what anyone would do in that situation, and as a result, he became a star overnight. He used that incident as a pretext for joining the same company as him. Moreover, he had gotten close to director Kim-oonsuh, and of course, Jun-somin was trying to get closer to him. His stomach twisted by itself.

“Hoong.”

Kim-jangho got up from his seat, then he headed towards his lodging. It was a get-together, but director Kim-oonsuh had already left. So he didn’t need to stay there.

On Thursday, they directly experimented on the Capsule’s performance. The Capsule could be handled easily even by a civilian, but they had to learn about all the individual components.

To borrow a phrase from deputy head Jang’s words, they had to be familiar with each components, and they had to understand its function. If not for the

new employee's orientation, they won't have another chance to do so. Once they were assigned to different departments, they wouldn't need to understand the details of each parts unless they were a researcher, salesman or a service engineer.

This was why everyone was learning it half-heartedly, but it was different for Lee-joonhyuk. He was interested in the subject, because he might need to use the knowledge in the future. Lee-joonhyuk carefully paid attention to how it performed, and he tried to understand it.

When Kim-jangho saw this, he mocked him.

"Since you won't become a researcher, are you trying to become a salesman or a service engineer?"

Lee-joonhyuk didn't pay attention to Kim-jangho's words. Instead, he even asked questions to the researcher, who was giving an explanation. When the others saw this, the other new employees started whispering about Kim-jangho.

The event turned out in such a way that he somehow felt like a delinquent who bullied the honor student. Also, this made Kim-jangho more ill-humored. After the lecture on Capsule finished, they ate lunch.

After lunch, they were told to gather at the exercise yard. Everyone gathered in groups to chat, but Jun-somin stood next to Lee-joonhyuk.

Lee-joonhyuk didn't normally talk a lot, but she didn't talk either. She just stood there keeping a fixed distance between them.

He stood there with his arms crossed, and he focused on controlling his interior muscles. His life depended on this training. He didn't have the luxury to pay attention to something else.

This was how he waited until Kim-oonsuh, who wore climbing clothes, approached them with the event personnel. When the group turned to look at Kim-oonsuh, she smiled.

"Let's go on a light hike."

Kim-oonsuh was the person in charge of training the new employees. She said it so casually that no one could refuse it.

All the event personnel except deputy head Jang wore backpacks. It should only take 1 hour and 30 minute to climb to the top of the Chunma mountain. If they returned right after arriving at the top of the mountain, three hours should be enough to make the round trip.

“Let us go.”

Kim-oonsuh and deputy head Jang headed out first then the 1st group followed. The 2nd group followed in the rear with 2 employees in the front and back.

As the group leader, Lee-joonhyuk walked in the back of the group with the event personnel. When he saw an event personnel struggling with his pack, Lee-joonhyuk stepped forward.

“Give it to me.”

“It’s fine.”

“It’ll be good for me as an exercise. Give it to me.”

The event personnel tried to refuse couple of times, but he saw the party moving farther away from them. He eventually relented, and he gave Lee-joonhyuk his pack. After putting on the backpack, he asked with a slight frown.

“The weight is quite considerable?”

“Just give it back to me.”

“No.”

Lee-joonhyuk shook his head then he started to walk. The weight was quite considerable, but it wasn’t too hard for him. If one looked at his outer appearance, one would think he would be weak, but he possessed a considerable amount of physical strength.

He carried the backpack as it was nothing. The event personnel admired Lee-joonhyuk. Lee-joonhyuk climbed the mountain without breaking a single sweat.

They were told it was a light hike, which would only take 1 hour and 30 minutes, but Kim-oohsuh and deputy head Jang kept a pretty fast pace. They were experienced hikers, so they outpaced the others. Several people started to lag behind as the group tried to follow them. This was more apparent in the

second group.

The second group was made up of mostly new female employees. The women had never hiked before, so their speed started slow down. The one who stood out was Jun-somin. She helped push the tired ladies, and she climbed the mountain energetically.

Unlike how she looked, she had some tenacity. Lee-joonhyuk's estimation of her rose a couple points. She wasn't just a pretty face wanting everyone to serve her. He saw her be considerate of others, so even by a little, it made him look at her in a different light.

Finally, the second group arrived at the top of the mountain, but it was 20 minute after the estimated time.

Kim-oonsuh was standing at the top of the mountain, and she was looking at the scenery. She turned around to look at Lee-joonhyuk's group, then she spoke.

“You guys are late.”

“I’m sorry.”

When Lee-joonhyuk calmly apologized, Kim-oonsuh adjusted her glasses as she spoke.

“Then let us start.”

He wanted to ask what they were going to start. She waved her hand towards deputy head Jang. Lee-joonhyuk approached deputy head Jang, and he put down the backpack.

“You brought this up?”

“Yes. What is in there?”

“I’ll show you.”

Deputy head Jang smiled, and he opened the back pack. Then he started to take out the items inside. The backpack was packed with rice wine.(TLN: not soju, but Makgeolli)

Lee-joonhyuk felt the sensation of liquid moving. Of course, he thought it was water. As if he was mocking this idea, everything he brought out was the rice

wine. There were 17 bottles of rice wine inside the the bursting bag.

After he put everything down, the other event personnel came over to deputy head Jang's side. Their backpacks held the cup for the rice wine, and various side dishes.

Before he knew it, Lee-joonhyuk had turned to look at Kim-oonsuh. She was still looking into the distance. Lee-joonhyuk followed her gaze, and his eyes saw the scenery of the Chunma mountain.

He didn't particularly like hiking, but he breathed in the air on top of the mountain. When he felt the cool wind, and he saw the unhampered view, he thought hiking was something worth doing again.

When Lee-joonhyuk was enjoying the sensations on top of the summit, he heard deputy director Jang yell.

“Our preparation is complete.”

At that sound, Kim-oonsuh slowly turned her gaze, and she saw Lee-joonhyuk. Lee-joonhyuk was still looking at unhampered scenery from the summit of the mountain with deep eyes. Lee-joonhyuk was probably feeling the same emotion she felt a moment ago, so she felt like they had shared that feeling.

Kim-oonsuh let out a little smile as she walked. Deputy head Jang had prepared seats, and the new employees sat around in a circle. Then the cups with the rice wine followed.

Kim-oonsuh was about to walk to them, but she spoke to Lee-joonhyuk, who was still absorbed in the view from the summit.

“Mr. Lee-joonhyuk should come too.”

“Ah, yes.”

Lee-joonhyuk suddenly woke up from his reveries. Lee-joonhyuk laughed awkwardly as he sat in his seat. Once Lee-joonhyuk took his seat, Kim-oonsuh raised her cup with rice wine, and she spoke.

“In the future, there will be a lot of hardship in your career at this company. Please think back on this hike, where the people in front of you pulled you up, and the people in the back pushed you up. If we encourage each other with

words, our company life would become a bit smoother, and we will be able to keep our energies up."

He thought this was just a simple hiking excursion, but there seemed to be a deeper meaning to it.

Lee-joonhyuk looked fixedly at her, so Kim-oonsuh continued to speak.

"I pray for good health in your company life. Cheers."

"Cheers."

When everyone raised their cup with rice wine, Kim-oonsuh emptied it in one-shot. She had always shown herself to be haughty, so everyone saw a different side of her. All the new employees started to drain their cup.

Everyone was thirsty from climbing the mountain, so they had no trouble emptying a cup of rice wine.

Kim-oonsuh put down her cup, then she turned to look at Lee-joonhyuk.

"Normally, the event personnel has to carry it, but I guess the new employee did the work instead. We were able to drink this cool rice wine, because of him. Please give a round of applause to 2nd group leader, Mr. Lee-joonhyuk."

When everyone started to clap loudly, Lee-joonhyuk scratched his head, and he lowered his gaze. At this sight, Kim-oonsuh's smile turned into a laugh. She spoke.

"Your new employee training program has ended. Please come down after drinking moderately. The two vehicles will bring you back to the training facility. Let's see who survives until the end. Please work hard."

After finishing her words, Kim-oonsuh turned to deputy head Jang to speak to him.

"Please make sure no one drink too much. I'll go down first."

"I'll escort you down."

"I'm fine. I only had one cup, so you don't have to worry about me."

"But..."

Kim-oonsuh adjusted her glasses. It was a simple act, but this one movement

transformed her back into the haughty director of strategic planning.

“Are you trying to be a boss who can’t take a hint?”

“I’m not.”

When she saw deputy head Jang smile, Kim-oosuh slightly nodded her head then she started descending the mountain. Lee-joonhyuk shrugged his shoulder when he saw her strong appearance from behind. He grabbed the bottle to pour another cup of rice wine.

Drinking the rice wine on top of the mountain was much sweeter, so he wanted to drink one more cup. As he was about to pour the alcohol, a hand grabbed onto the rice wine bottle.

When he turned, he saw Jun-somin with a slightly red face. She spoke.

“I’ll pour it for you.”

“It’s ok.”

“Did you know that if you pour your own drink, the person in front of you will have bad luck for 3 years?” (TLN: if you didn’t know, it is customary for others to pour the drink in a group setting)

Since Jun-somin teased him, he had no choice, but to put raise his cup. Jun-somin filled the cup to the brim, then she raised her own cup.

“Please fill mine up.”

Since she had shown a good side of herself during the hike, Lee-joonhyuk willingly poured the contents of the bottle into her cup. There was no downside of being nice to a fellow employee. Also, she was a beauty, so he really didn’t mind.

When the cup filled up, Jun-somin laughed with her eyes as she started to bring her cup to his for a toast.

At this sight, Lee-joonhyuk had no choice but to smile.

The two of them emptied their cups in a good mood.

Chapter 12

< Legend of Legend(LOL)-Progress(1) >

Evolution

There were 15 bottles of rice wine. There were 25 people.

The bottle of wine to person ratio wasn't one to one, so at most, one person was able to have only 3 cups.

After the cups of alcohol was emptied, everyone started cleaning up. They had enough alcohol in them, so many people had red faces. However, none of them were shaky on their feet.

If one was unsteady on one's feet, one might get into a big accident. This was why everyone controlled their alcohol consumption. Also, there weren't enough alcohol. When Lee-joonhyuk tried to put on the empty backpack, deputy head Jang waved his hand at him.

"The event personnel can carry the empty bags."

The bags weren't heavy anymore. He wasn't require to carry it, so Lee-joonhyuk nodded his head.

"I understand."

The party started to descend. Lee-joonhyuk walked in the back in case of an accident happening. He went down as he carefully watched for people with shaky feet.

"Kyaaaahhk!"

While they were descending the mountain, everyone stopped in surprise when they heard a scream. Also, the voice was familiar.

"Director?"

Before deputy head Jang could express his query, Lee-joonhyuk was already running. He ran down the mountain. It was a very dangerous thing to do, but Lee-joonhyuk didn't hesitate.

If something happened, he could surround himself with his barrier. Maybe it was because he had trained as Atlan had told him to, but he was able to control his muscles. It wasn't so hard to run down the mountain.

Moreover, as he ran down the mountain, his sense of balance awakened and his reflexes sharpened. He heard people yelling after him from behind, but he ignored them. As he ran, the urgency inside his heart increased.

He didn't have a special relationship with Kim-oonsuh. However, when he heard her scream, the first thought that came to his mind was that he had to save her. This was why Lee-joonhyuk was running towards the sound he heard, but he didn't hear any noise after the first one.

At the thought of her being already badly injured, Lee-joonhyuk increased his speed. He ran for almost 3 minute. He ran down as if he was flying. For someone else other than Lee-joonhyuk, it would take 20 minutes to walk down, but he ran the whole distance in a breath.

This was when he able to see Kim-oonsuh. Kim-oonsuh was standing there nervously, and she was still very far off. Even if Lee-joonhyuk ran towards her, it would take at least 30 seconds for him.

The problem was there was a wild boar only 3 meters away from Kim-oonsuh. It was letting out a harsh snort. When the wild boar saw him, Lee-joonhyuk increased his speed again.

As if she heard the sound of Lee-joonhyuk descending, Kim-oonsuh turned her head. Lee-joonhyuk yelled the moment their eyes met.

“Dodge it!”

The wild boar had its eyes on Kim-oonsuh, and the moment she turned her gaze it charged towards her.

Queeeeeehk!

Kim-oonsuh turned her head when the wild boar let out a cry. She wanted to dodge the charging boar, but her body had frozen in place.

Puk!

“Kyahhhk!”

After letting out a short scream, Kim-oonsuh was flung outside the trail as she fell into the valley. Lee-joonhyuk didn't even look at the wild boar as he approached the the cliff.

Even if it was Lee-joonhyuk, he couldn't jump off a cliff. Despite this fact, he jumped off the cliff any ways. At this sight, the wild boar didn't charge him.

Lee-joonhyuk had a 10 seconds period of absolute safety. He didn't need to worry since he had the barrier, but once he did jump off the cliff, he still felt anxious.

Lee-joonhyuk looked for Kim-oonsuh, who had fallen earlier. If they fell like this, her form would become unrecognizable. Lee-joonhyuk reached out his hand towards her, and he closed his eyes. He was trying something he had never succeeded before.

However, at that moment, he really wanted to do it. He wanted the barrier not only around him, but also around her.

The barrier formed around his body. Even though he wished for it, the barrier didn't form around her.

Lee-joonhyuk gritted his teeth , but the distance between them wouldn't decrease. Then he saw Kim-oonsuh, who had fallen first, hit a tree, then she bounced off it.

When she bounced off the tree, Kim-oonsuh's speed decreased. Lee-joonhyuk stepped on the side of the cliff. The moment he stepped on the cliff's surface, Lee-joonhyuk's leg expanded as if it would explode. (TLN: I think it's like One Piece Luffy's leg when it contracts/gets big, and he gets a burst of speed. I'm guessing his control over his muscles allow him to do this)

Tuh-ung!

Accompanying a raucous sound, Lee-joonhyuk accelerated. The distance between Kim-oonsuh had decreased, but they were already very close to the floor. Lee-joonhyuk gritted his teeth.

If they fell as it is, Kim-oonsuh would most definitely die.

"No!"

Lee-joonhyuk let out a strong yell. The moment he sincerely hoped for it, the barrier disappeared from around his body. Then the barrier formed around Kim-oonsuh's body.

Boom!

The barrier could defend against any physical force, so it was the ultimate barrier. For 10 seconds, one was safe from any situation. Fortunately, Kim-oonsuh was safe. However, the next problem cropped up.

Lee-joonhyuk was about to hit the floor, but his barrier was already deployed. Lee-joonhyuk flipped his body, so his feet was where his head used to be.

He thought it would be better to fall on his legs.

Crunch.

“Gggoo-ook!”

Recently, he had surpassed the physical limitation of a human by using Atlan's training method, but it couldn't prevent his legs from breaking.

His leg bones were broken to pieces, but Lee-joonhyuk didn't lose consciousness. When he looked up, he had fallen at least 20 meters.

Lee-joonhyuk gritted his teeth, then he crawled towards Kim-oonsuh. His shin bones(TLN: tibia+fibula) was broken, and it had pierced through the skin. Moreover, Kim-oonsuh seemed to have sustained massive damage when the wild boar rammed into her.

Since she had hit the tree as she was falling, she might be already dead.

He was barely able to crawl to Kim-oonsuh. When he reached her, he put his hand over her mouth to check if she was still breathing. Fortunately, she wasn't dead, and she was still breathing.

He let out a sigh of relief, and Lee-joonhyuk checked her wounds. The wild boar had rammed into her thigh, and it was starting to swell. It seemed like her thigh bone(TLN:femur) was broken.

Lee-joonhyuk was relieved to see she didn't have any large superficial wounds. He lay next to her then he took a deep breath. Then he gathered all his strength to shout.

“Help us!”

After Lee-joonhyuk let out a yell for rescue with all his might, he looked down at his legs. There were enough pain to turn his mind white. If things continued this way, he would probably die from blood loss before the rescue.

He couldn't allow that. Somehow, he had returned alive from the Dimensional battlefield, so how could he allow himself to die in vain?

First, Lee-joonhyuk had to stop the blood loss, so he started focusing on the muscles around his shin. Atlan told him it was possible to contract the muscles to stop the discharge of blood from blood vessels.

He knew at a certain stage he would be able to do it, but Lee-joonhyuk was still too far off from being able to do it. He had recently become aware of his every muscle, so he thought it wasn't possible.

Still, he somewhat knew of a way to stop the bleeding. He guessed the general location, then he contracted his muscles. He lucked out, and the amount of bleeding decreased.

After tightening his clothes over it, he fell back to lie on the ground. Currently, he had done everything he could. Now he just had to wait for the rescue party.

As he was looking up, deputy head Jang's face revealed itself from the trail. He hadn't found them yet, but he was still trying to descend at a rapid pace. Lee-joonhyuk yelled when he saw his sweat-drenched face.

“We are here.”

Deputy head Jang looked towards him, and his eyes widened. Lee-joonhyuk's surrounding was covered in blood, and Kim-oonsuh was unconscious.

“Are you ok?”

“I'm ok for now, but it'll be dangerous once I lose a lot of blood.”

“How about the director?”

“I think her thigh bone is broken. The rescue team might have to hurry up, and get here.”

“Please wait a moment.”

Once he saw deputy head Jang's face disappear, Lee-joonhyuk let out a sigh of relief. Since their plight was known, the rescue team should be here soon.

"Mmmm."

At that moment, Kim-oonsuh was regaining her consciousness. Lee-joonhyuk crawled next to Kim-oonsuh.

"Are you ok?"

Kim-oonsuh was about to open her eyes when her face crumpled.

"Ooh-ook."

"Your thigh bone is broken, and you might have hurt your back. Please stay still for now."

"I can't feel anything below my leg."

"It might be because of the shock. Deputy head Jang located us, so the rescue team should be here soon."

Kim-oonsuh turned her gaze toward Lee-joonhyuk. She was in a lot of pain, but she hated showing others her weak side. Her pride wouldn't allow it.

She looked at Lee-joonhyuk, and she asked a question.

"Where is this place?"

"You were hit by a boar, then you fell down the cliff."

Lee-joonhyuk pointed upwards, then Kim-oonsuh raised her gaze. It was over 20 meters high, and the ledge was far off.

It was a miracle that she had survived the fall.

Kim-oonsuh closed her eyes for a moment. She could clearly see the scene where the wild boar had charged her. The moment she was flung from the impact she remembered Lee-joonhyuk was running towards her, and he had jumped off the cliff.

He had jumped off with his hands outstretched towards her. However, she couldn't remember what had happened after she felt a blow on her back. Her memory ended there.

"Why did you jump off?"

Lee-joonhyuk smirked at those words.

“I thought we would both live if we were lucky.”

“We were lucky.”

Kim-oonsuh looked towards Lee-joonhyuk as she asked.

“How’s your leg?”

“The shin bones are broke, but everything else is fine.”

Kim-oonsuh wanted to talk more, but the pain made her close her eyes. She clenched her eyes shut. When Lee-joonhyuk saw this, he carefully spoke.

“The rescue party should be here soon.”

Kim-oonsuh only nodded her head weakly, and she didn’t speak. Lee-joonhyuk let out a short sigh as he saw her endure the pain without a single moan.

“If it hurts, it is ok to scream.”

Kim-oonsuh didn’t say anything, and she endured the pain, while gritting her teeth.

Lee-joonhyuk knew it would be pointless to speak any more to her. He tried to lie down next to her when his head became dizzy.

He had stopped the bleeding, but he had already lost too much blood. Lee-joonhyuk shook his head, then he opened his mouth.

“Stay awake. It’s dangerous if you lose consciousness.”

“I know.”

Even though she said she knew, she wasn’t maintaining her consciousness. Lee-joonhyuk observed Kim-oonsuh. She was gritting her teeth, and she wasn’t opening her mouth. Then her body started to shake a little bit.

“It’s cold.”

If one looked at the hiking clothes Kim-oonsuh was wearing, she shouldn’t be saying she was cold. He guessed she was bleeding somewhere. When her thigh bones broke or when she hurt her back, she might have burst a vessel.

Internal bleeding was a cause for concern. First, Lee-joonhyuk took off the t-

shirt he was wearing then he put it over her.

For a brief moment, Lee-joonhyuk looked at her cold form. He looked up into the sky, then he hugged her with his arm. Lee-joonhyuk whispered in a low voice when Kim-oonsuh was startled.

“We can’t let your body temperature drop.”

She didn’t say anything. Kim-oonsuh looked away from Lee-joonhyuk as her face slightly reddened. Soon, the loud sounds of rotor blades were heard in the distance.

Lee-joonhyuk looked between the leaves of the tree, and he saw a helicopter.

“The rescue party is here.”

After a brief moment, deputy head Jang’s face poked out from above the cliff.

“The rescue party is here. Wait a little bit longer.”

Lee-joonhyuk let go of the arm that was hugging Kim-oonsuh, then he shouted.

“Director’s back is hurt. We need a stretcher.”

“Understood.”

Soon, there were several people on top of the cliff. When Kim-oonsuh saw the uniform of the rescue team, she relaxed then she fainted. After seeing this, Lee-joonhyuk looked up again.

One of the rescue party member stuck his head out, and he yelled.

“Both of you, who were in an accident, are you conscious?”

“She was conscious until a moment ago. She has fainted right now.”

“What is your situation?”

“The director’s back is hurt, and her thigh bone is broken. Also, my shin bones are broken.”

“Please wait a moment. We’ll rescue you soon.”

Lee-joonyouk turned to look at the fainted Kim-oonsuh, then he murmured.

“Please stay strong for a little longer. The rescue party is here.”

Chapter 13

<Legend of Legend(LOL)-Progress(2) >

Lee-joonhyuk was lying on a bed with casts on both his leg. Lee-joonhyuk stretched out his hand, and he focused on the cup. However, there was no change to the cup.

“Do I have to do it on a person?”

He was able to transfer his barrier to Kim-oonsuh, and he was able to save her. How did he do it?

The barrier didn't form right now. However, he had to sure, so he casted it on himself. It formed around him without much effort, but it wouldn't transfer onto a different target.

Moreover, he couldn't cast it on a different person.

Lee-joonhyuk let out a sigh, and he leaned against the bed. The bed was in a raised state, so he could lean comfortably against it.

He was in a VIP hospital room, so it was very large and spacious. After being rescued by the rescue party, the helicopter had come to this place. He didn't want people to think anything was wrong, so he relaxed his muscle before he went into surgery. The doctors were frightened when the blood started to flow out again, but the surgery ended in success.

“I guess the problem is the Director?”

Kim-oonsuh's thigh bone was broken, and she had some internal bleeding. However, the surgery was a success. The problem was she hurt her back when she hit the tree in the fall. She was paralyzed from the waist down.

“Whew.”

If he had been able to transfer his barrier a little bit earlier, she wouldn't have hurt her back. His inexperience prevented him from saving her.

Lee-joonhyuk let out a sigh, then he tried to cast the barrier once again.

However, it was still impossible.

“I guess I’ll have experiment a little bit at a time.”

Lee-joonhyuk eventually closed his eyes, then he focused on controlling the movement of his muscles. Since he could sense his muscles, he could feel the muscles in his legs. Moreover, he was able to assess the severity of his wounds.

Fortunately, he had hardened his muscle like stone, and this caused it to break in the best possible manner. Still, his legs still required casts, and it would take about 3 weeks for the bones to mend.

For the foreseeable future, Lee-joonhyuk knew he had to spend his time in this place.

“When I leave in two weeks, it’ll put me in an awkward position.”

He closed his eyes as he leaned against the bed. He turned his head when he heard a knock on the door.

“It’s open.”

When the door opened, Lee-joonhyuk’s eyes widened at seeing who had entered.

“Father. Mother.”

It was Lee-joonhyuk’s father Lee-sukhoon and mother Kim-haejung, who had entered. Kim-haejung started checking on Lee-joonhyuk’s wounds as soon as she entered the room.

“My Joonhyuk. Are you ok?”

“I’m fine.”

“My word. How did you hurt yourself like this?”

Lee-joonhyuk scratched his head.

“I took a tumble down a mountain.”

While Kim-haejung fussed next to him, Lee-sukhoon opened his mouth.

“I heard it’s just a simple break of the bone. You’ll be out of the cast in three weeks, so don’t worry too much about it.”

“I won’t worry about it.”

The ones who were more worried was Kim-haejung and Lee-sukjoon. Lee-sukjoon looked around his surrounding as he asked questioned.

“This hospital room looks expensive.”

“I was hurt during the company’s training course, so the company will pay the entire hospital fee.”

“So that’s how it is.”

Kim-haejung asked carefully.

“You were injured right after you got in, so you won’t be able go to the office. Will they fire you?”

“That won’t happen.”

He clearly got hurt trying to save Kim-oonsuh. Of course, from Kim-oonsuh’s perspective, she might not think Lee-joonhyuk was of any help. From her view, it would seem like he had fallen into the same location with, and they had been rescued together.

He wouldn’t be fired just for that.

“That’s fortunate.”

After smiling, Kim-haejung was gossiping like a storm. Lee-joonhyuk was busy trying to be agreeable with her. Most of the story was about Lee-joonhyuk being hired by ST Capsule. It basically meant she was the one who started the gossip around town.

“Why don’t you meet with some prospective marriage partners?”

“Mom.”

Lee-joonhyuk was taken aback, so he called out to her. Kim-haejung continued to speak, while laughing.

“I bet you don’t remember her. Mr. Park, who used to live in our neighborhood, has a daughter. She was selected to be an elementary school teacher.”

“That has nothing to do with me. I just got hired, so why are you trying to put

me in a marriage interview?"

"You don't have a girlfriend. How many years have you been single already?"

"Mom."

Lee-joonhyuk was taken aback, and while they were talking, Lee-sukhoon approached Kim-haejung. Then he spoke with his hand on her shoulder.

"Wife. Let's stop."

Kim-haejung licked her lips, then she backed off a step. Lee-sukjoon looked at Lee-joonhyuk as he spoke.

"Is there a caregiver?"

"Yes. He vacated his seat for a moment."

He had hurt both his legs, so he couldn't move at all. This was why ST Capsule hired him a caregiver. Lee-sukhoon nodded his head, then he turned to look at Lee-haejung.

"He has a caregiver, so we can just visit him."

"Still, how can we leave him to a caregiver? I'll come here on the weekends."

"Then I'll be alone in the weekends?"

"Just go fishing with your buddies. I'll stay here."

Lee-joonhyuk let out a deep sigh, then he looked towards Kim-haejung.

"Please just come here on Saturdays and Sundays."

If she came on Friday, he would be in an awkward position. The fact that he was in a hospital was a problem, but if he spent time on Friday with Kim-haejung, she'll find out he had fallen into the Abnormal Sleeping Disorder. He wanted to avoid that.

As if Lee-sukhoon didn't have anything more to say, he looked at Lee-joohyuk and he spoke.

"We'll head back now. Take care of your body."

"Yes. Don't worry about me."

"I'll be able to fish to my heart's content, because of you."

Lee-joonhyuk knew how much Lee-sukhoon liked fishing, so he could only smile. Kim-haejung rose from her seat. She spoke, while she patted his cheek once.

“Just think about the marriage interview.”

“Mom!”

When Lee-joonhyuk shouted in embarrassment, she got up from her seat as if it was on fire. Lee-joonhyuk let out a deep sigh when he saw the door close.

“Why a marriage interview...”

Lee-joonhyuk closed his eyes, then he focused on controlling his muscles. If he didn’t use his muscles, his legs would waste away. To rectify such a situation, Lee-joonhyuk continuously fine tuned his muscles.

He couldn’t train transferring the barrier, so the only thing left was to remake his body.

He had learned several things this time. He had learned more about his muscles, and the result of growing his muscles with his life on the line. He had also learned it was possible to transfer his barrier.

His legs were a problem, but the other parts of his body was fine. The next day Lee-joonhyuk went outside on a wheelchair. He wanted to check up on Kim-oonsuh, so he moved two rooms down towards the hospital ward.

When he approached the ward, two men in suits got in his way.

“We aren’t allowing visitors to visit right now.”

At those words, Lee-joonhyuk was about to head back. If Kim-oonsuh wasn’t allowing visitors, then he didn’t have to look for her. At that moment, a man exited Kim-oonsuh’s hospital room. When he saw Lee-joonhyuk, he called after him.

“Mr Lee-joonhyuk?”

“Yes.”

Lee-joonhyuk stopped to look, and the man approached him. He spoke, while he smiled.

“Are you here to visit the director?”

“That was the plan until I found out she wasn’t taking any visitors.”

He was very natural in speaking in an informal manner. He also looked very natural as he approached to grab the handles of Lee-joonhyuk’s wheelchair. He spoke.

“Let’s go. As a matter of fact, Oonsuh wanted to see you.”

Before Lee-joonhyuk could say anything, the man pushed his wheelchair into the hospital room. When they entered, he saw a room much bigger than his, and he was able to see Kim-oonsuh in a bed located in the middle of the room.

Her thigh was covered in a cast, and she was lying down with the bed slightly raised. When Lee-joonhyuk and the man entered, she became flustered. She hurriedly put on her glasses she had taken off.

Then she turned back to look at Lee-joonhyuk with a calm expression.

“How’s your body?”

Lee-joonhyuk spoke in a composed manner.

“I heard it was a miracle. I got off with only two broken leg.”

“That is fortunate.”

“How’s your body doing?”

Kim-oonsuh’s expression hardened slightly, and she didn’t answer. The man answered instead.

“Her lower body is paralyzed, but if she is lucky, we might be able to treat it.”

Lee-joonhyuk looked back in surprise, and the man continued to speak in a calm manner.

“There is a project we have invested in. Our plan will be a giant step for modern medicine. She’ll be able to become the first beneficiary of the project.”

“That’s fortunate.”

When Lee-joonhyuk replied back innocently, the man let out a laugh.

“Hahaha. I really like you.”

The man spoke, while he grabbed onto the wheelchair's handles.

"Do you have anything more to say to the director?"

"No. Since I've seen she's ok, I'm satisfied."

"Then I'll push you back to your room"

"It's fine."

Even though he couldn't use his legs, his body had already reached the limit of human limitation. Of course, he could move his own wheelchair.

However, the man continued to push his wheelchair.

"Take care of your body, director."

When the man left, Kim-oonsuh was alone. She let out a short sigh then she took off her glasses again. She thought about the moment she fell off the cliff. Moreover, she thought about Lee-joonhyuk, who ran and leaped off the cliff after her.

His eyes shown with the determination of wanting to save her.

By looking at the people he rescued from the bus, he might be someone who put his life on the line to save others. However, his desperate eyes made her think otherwise.

"Whew."

When she thought about Lee-joonhyuk's eyes, it made her heart beat faster on its own.

The man didn't take Lee-joonhyuk to his room, but he headed towards the outdoor terrace. When he brought Lee-joonhyuk there, he took out a cigarette, and he asked Lee-joonhyuk if he wanted one.

"We aren't allowed to smoke near the hospital."

"I know. My mouth feels empty, so I'm just asking. I'm also trying to quit smoking."

After the man smiled, he turned to look at Lee-joonhyuk with a cigarette in his mouth.

"May I ask a you a question."

“Before you do, I didn’t catch your name.”

At those words, the man lightly tapped his forehead with his index finger, then he took out a business card. Lee-joonhyuk took the card to examine it, and the man introduced himself.

“I’m one of ST Capsule’s board members, Lee-sukhoon.”

“You have the same name as my father.”

“Is that right? Your father must be very handsome.”

Lee-joonhyuk smirked at those words.

“He is a handsome man. If he wasn’t, then he wouldn’t have been able to meet my mother.”

“Hahahaha. Your mother must also be quite the beauty.”

“She is a beautiful woman.”

Kim-sukhoon was amused. He pinched the cigarette with his middle and index fingers, then he imitated blowing out smoke. He turned to look at Lee-joonhyuk.

“May I ask you the question now?”

“Please ask away.”

Kim-sukhoon observed Lee-joonhyuk as he asked the question.

“Why did you do it?”

“Yes?”

Kim-sukhoon put the cigarette between his teeth then he asked again.

“I’m asking why you jumped off.”

Lee-joonhyuk thought for a moment. Truthfully, he had thought he could save her. Of course, he recklessly jumped off without thinking about the consequences. He instinctively jumped off when he saw her figure fall off the cliff.

“I just wanted to save her.”

Kim-sukhoon carefully observed Lee-joonhyuk then he smiled.

“I appreciate the sentiment.”

Kim-sukhoon put the cigarette between his teeth back into the cigarette case.

“Take care of yourself. When you are back to good health, I’ll see you at the company.”

Kim-sukhoon waved his hand then he left the terrace. After Lee-joonhyuk looked at his retreating form for a moment, he let out a deep sigh. At the very least, he had found out that he wouldn’t be fired from the company.

“I hope she makes a full recovery.”

If only his ability could have worked a little earlier, he would have been able to save her. The fact that he couldn’t made him feel regret.

However, he felt some relief when he heard there was a possibility of her recovering.

Lee-joonhyuk looked up towards the sky that could be viewed from the outdoor terrace, and he mumbled to himself.

“I thought she looked much prettier with her glasses off.”

Lee-joonhyuk smiled when he thought about her being flustered as she put on her glasses. Somehow, he thought she looked cute at that moment.

Chapter 14

<Legend of Legend-Jungle(1) >

The following week after he was admitted to the hospital, Kim-haejung showed up everyday at his hospital room, even though she said she'll only come on the weekends. Still, Kim-haejung didn't have anything to do since the caregiver was still there. She was basically there to be someone he could talk to.

Kim-haejung was focused watching a tv drama, and Leejoonhyuk controlled his muscles as he watched it with her. If he sensed and trained the muscles at the same time, it was more effective. Also, he had to perfect how to harden his muscles like a stone, so he had a lot of things to do.

Knock. Knock.

At the knock, Leejoonhyuk looked towards the hospital room's door.

“Who is it?”

When the door opened, the person who entered was deputy head Jang. Also, there was an unexpected person following behind him. Junsomin entered with a fruit basket, and Leejoonhyuk scratched his head when he saw her. Why did she have to visit him when Kim-haejung was still here? It is a situation where a misunderstanding may happen.

Of course, Kim-haejung's eyes were twinkling.

Leejoonhyuk shook his head then he opened his mouth.

“She is my mother.”

“Good to meet you. I'm the deputy head of ST Capsules Strategic Planning Department, Jang-oohjung.”

“Oh my. You are his superior at the company.”

Junsomin bowed her head towards Kim-haejung, who had a bright smile.

“How do you do. I'm a fellow new employee, Junsomin.”

“That’s how it is.”

“Here.”

Junsomin handed the fruit basket over, and Kim-haejung received it with a smile on her face.

“Please sit for a moment. I’ll cut the fruits in a flash.”

“It’s fine.”

At deputy head Jang’s word, Kim-haejung hurriedly grabbed his wrist, and she directed him to a chair. Junsomin looked around then she sat in a chair.

Kim-haejung washed the fruits then she brought it back with a knife.

When she saw this, Kim-haejung stepped forward.

“I’ll cut it.”

“How can I let a guest do it? Wait a moment.”

She had long experience as a housewife, so Kim-haejung’s fruit peeling skill was quite good. Leejoonhyuk turned his gaze away from Kim-haejung. Since it was a bit irregular for Junsomin to visit with deputy head Jang, he asked a question.

“Which department did you get assigned to, Ms Junsomin?”

“I was assigned to the Strategic Planning Department.”

“That is one of the main departments. Isn’t that amazing?”

When Leejoonhyuk was surprised, deputy head Jang spoke calmly.

“From this batch of new employees, only Mr. Kim-jangho and Ms Junsomin was assigned to the the Strategic Planning Department.”

Of course, Kim-jangho had entered as the top candidate so he was a given. However, Junsomin was a bit unexpected.

Deputy head Jang pushed an envelope towards Leejoonhyuk.

“You were assigned to the Publicity Department.”

He had already heard it from Kim-oonsuh. Leejoonhyuk received the envelope, and deputy head Jang smiled.

"You can come to work when you are back to full health. Just think of your first month on the job as a vacation."

"Is that so?"

Leejoonhyuk smiled. He didn't even need to go to work during the first month, and he felt good when he heard he'll still be paid.

At that moment, a dish was presented between them.

The fruits were cut prettily, and it was laid out uniformly.

"Please eat it as you talk."

Kim-haejung smiled with her eyes toward Junsomin, then she turned to look at Leejoonhyuk.

"Mother will step out for a moment."

"Yes."

When Kim-haejung left, deputy head Jang talked as he ate a slice of apple.

"I heard from the rescue party that it was a miracle that both of you had survived."

It was a miracle that they had both survived after they fell from great heights. If it wasn't for Leejoonhyuk's ability, Kim-oonsuh would have died for sure. Moreover, if Leejoonhyuk hadn't turned his muscles hard as rock according to the muscle training method taught by Atlan, Leejoonhyuk would have died. He had never figured out how to harden his muscles like stone until that moment, so one could say it was a blessing in disguise. It wasn't on par with Atlan, who could block a sword with this method, but he could at the very least limit the damage.

"We were lucky. While we were falling, a tree was able to absorb some of our impact."

"Is that so? It must have been pure luck."

Junsomin pierced a melon with a fork then she handed it over to Leejoonhyuk. Deputy head Jang laughed when he saw this.

"I'm sorry. I should have been more considerate."

Leejoonhyuk received the fork from Junsomin, and he ate it in one bite.

“Isn’t it more delicious to receive it from my fellow employee, Ms Somin, then from you?”

“Hahaha. Is that so? I should have noticed it sooner.”

When Junsomin’s face reddened slightly, deputy head Jang laughed louder. Deputy head Jang ate couple more apple slice as he kept a light conversation going. Then he stood up from his seat.

“Do you want to stay and talk to him longer, Ms. Somin?”

“No.”

When Junsomin stood up abruptly, Leejoonhyuk extended his hand towards his wheelchair.

“I’ll see you out.”

“It’s ok. Get well soon, and come to work.”

Deputy head Jang patted his shoulder then he left the hospital room. As Junsomin was about to follow deputy head Jang, she briefly looked at Leejoonhyuk as she spoke.

“Take care of yourself.”

“I’ll see you at the company.”

Junsomin left as she laughed with her eyes. Soon, Kim-haejung returned inside. She stared at Leejoonhyuk, and she queried.

“Who is that young woman?”

“She’s joined the company at the same time as me. We were also in the same group at the training facility.”

“Is that right?”

If he left it alone, he felt she would try to dig for more information. So he replied patiently.

“She’s in a different department as me, so we won’t even see much of each other.”

“Is that so? She is pretty.”

Even Leejoonhyuk agreed Junsomin was pretty. However, nothing good would come from agreeing with her out loud. Also, it wasn’t Junsomin he thought of when he trained. It was none other than Kim-oonsuh.

At the moment of the accident, he had used all his strength to save her. It was a brief moment, but he had never fully devoted himself to someone until that moment. He only thought of her, and he had only thought of saving her.

This caused him to think about Kim-oonsuh even though they really didn’t know each other. However, when he thought of her, a part of his heart felt heavy.

Leejoonhyuk had trained without resting until Friday, but the results weren’t at a satisfactory level. He was able to somewhat harden his muscle like stone. However, it wasn’t as hard as the time he hardened it while falling off the cliff.

When he realized his various shortcomings, he let out a deep sigh.

“Whew.”

Today, he had specially sent the caregiver away, so he was alone. He even told Kim-haejung to retire early, and he advised her to come back on the weekends.

He was told he would be summoned on the same time. He had been called around the time when the night news was about to start. He had finished eating dinner around 7 o’clock, and he had less than two hours left.

He vowed to survive, but it wasn’t a guarantee he’ll survive this time around. It wouldn’t be strange for one to die on any given day on the Dimensional Battlefield. He had survived last time, because of the ability he had earned. Still, anything could happen. In a blood soaked battlefield, the 10 second was equivalent to gold, but the problem was he couldn’t use it forever.

Once he activated it, it took 2 minutes before he could activate it again. How many times had he almost died between that time? He had trained 2 weeks in casting the barrier, but the duration never increased, and the delay between the activation never decreased.

However, the fact that he could cast a barrier whenever he wanted was very

helpful. When he entered the Dimensional Battlefield, he had to check if it was possible to transfer his barrier.

If it was possible, then it would be a great help when he was with Atlan and Vera.

Leejoonhyuk calmed his heart, and he started preparing himself for his departure to the Dimensional Battlefield. At that moment, he heard a knock.

“Come in.”

He thought there would be no one who would visit him, but he was curious to know who it was. When he spoke, the hospital door opened. A man wearing a suit was standing in the doorway. Leejoonhyuk looked at him trying to figure out what he wanted.

When he stepped aside, Kim-oonsuh entered in an electric wheelchair. When she looked back, the men in black closed the door.

Kim-oonsuh saw Leejoonhyuk, and she adjusted her glasses. She was in an electric wheelchair, but her haughty attitude was still the same. The looked suited her very much. Leejoonhyuk carefully spoke to her.

“Are you well enough to move around?”

Kim-oonsuh tapped the electric wheelchair as she spoke.

“This is a new model that was developed recently. ST Capsule’s technology was used to make this new model. It doesn’t stress the back, and one won’t develop any sores. If I’m sitting on this, it is possible for me to start working right now.”

Leejoonhyuk was able to realize how much power ST Capsule held. Within a week, they modified the Capsule technology to make a wheel chair.

“How’s the project progressing?”

Kim-oonsuh laughed bitterly.

“The project hasn’t passed the clinical trial. At the very least, I’ll have to wait half a year.”

He automatically felt sorry for her. She had to spend half a year with half of her body paralyzed.

“I shouldn’t have let you go down on your own. I’m sorry.”

Kim-oonsuh shook her head.

“It was my decision, so let’s not talk about it”

Kim-oonsuh spoke as she looked at Leejoonhyuk.

“I heard deputy head Jang came to deliver your appointment form.”

“Yes. I was assigned to the Publicity Department.”

Kim-oonsuh quietly stared at Leejoonhyuk before she spoke.

“If you want, I can transfer you to any department you want.”

Leejoonhyuk stared back when he heard Kim-oonsuh’s words. She mumbled in a low voice as she looked around the hospital room.

“It wouldn’t be bad if you joined the Strategic Planning Department.”

The Strategic Planning Department was where Kim-oonsuh was. Leejoonhyuk carefully asked her a question.

“Then I don’t need to be the employee model?”

“No. You have to do that.”

Leejoonhyuk thought about it for a moment.

“Then I want to join the Strategic Planning Department.”

Kim-oonsuh took a quick glance at Leejoonhyuk.

“Only the best of the elites can join the Strategic Planning Department. Joining it isn’t a problem, but it won’t be easy for you to adapt.”

“I’ll try my best.”

Kim-oonsuh fixed her glasses then she spoke.

“Alright. I’ll take the appropriate steps. You’ll have to work really hard.”

“Please leave it to me, and believe in me.”

Leejoonhyuk spoke confidently. Kim-oonsuh smirked when she saw his face, which was overflowing with confidence. Then she fiddled around with electric wheelchair. The electric wheelchair gently turned around. Kim-oonsuh spoke

with her back to Leejoonhyuk.

“Thank you.”

She spoke in a very small voice. If he hadn’t developed his senses to the extreme in the Dimensional Battlefield, then he wouldn’t have been able to hear the small voice.

Soon, Kim-oonsuh cleared her throat then she spoke.

“Please open the door.”

When the men in suits opened the door, Kim-oonsuh moved through the door. She spoke as she headed out.

“Take care of your body. I’ll see you at the company.”

“When are you being discharged?”

Kim-oonsuh turned her head slightly, then she answered as she tapped her electric wheelchair.

“Since I have this, I don’t need the hospital any more.”

After saying this, Kim-oonsuh left the room. Leejoonhyuk licked his lips as he saw her leave. She said she didn’t need the hospital, but she still had the cast around her thigh.

He worried about her since she wouldn’t be resting as she recovered. She would be going back to work unlike him.

“Still, I’ll be able to see her again?”

If he was transferred to the Strategic Planning Department, he would have a lot of work to do. However, when he thought about seeing her again, he smiled.

“Of course, this is after I come back alive.”

Leejoonhyuk laughed bitterly, and he looked outside the window. Darkness had already descended outside, and he could already see some stars.

Today the sky was very clear, and his eyes were drawn to the stars.

“That place probably still has a purple sky.”

Leejoonhyuk viewed the sky without saying any words. He forgot about

controlling his muscles as he took in the view of the sky. When he heard the noise of an alarm, Leejoonhyuk took out his cellphone.

It was about time for him to depart to the other dimension. Leejoonhyuk slowly lied down on his bed as he relaxed his body. After an indeterminate time, the pillar of light had formed in front of his eyes.

Once again he was about to jump into the Dimensional Battlefield.

Chapter 15

<Legend of Legend-Jungle(2) >

He knew what was coming, but he had a hard time getting used to it. The sharp light covered his retina. Since this wasn't his first time, he had covered both of his eyes with his hands, and it seemed to help. The light disappeared, and time passed. Lee-joonhyuk slowly removed his fingers, then he opened his eyes.

"Well, I'm back again."

Unlike his words, he didn't want to be back here again. He'll have to put his life on the line in this place.

The room was surrounded by a soft white light, and a number was being displayed on one side of the room.

780G.

He could guess what it was. It was the gold one can only earn in this place. The Dimensional Currency was being shown.

Lee-joonhyuk looked around carefully to see what else had changed, and he knew his armor had changed. It was a bit thicker than the last one, but he couldn't feel its weight.

"Did my probability of survival increase this time?"

Although, Atlan could basically shred through this armor like paper if he wanted to. The only thing he can trust was his own barrier.

Lee-joonhyuk looked down at his leg. The broken shin bones was probably all better now.

"I'll have to pretend to be a patient."

After he finished checking his status, a low voice was heard. It was a very alluring voice, but it was a voice he didn't want to hear.

-Congratulations on being summoned to the Canyon of Death.

There were many locations on the Dimensional Battlefield, but he had arrived at the Canyon of Death this time. It could be seen as being fortunate. He had spent around one month at the Canyon of Death.

While he was calming his heart, a two handed sword suddenly appeared in front of him.

“Is it a two-handed sword?”

He wasn’t given a sword and a shield. Lee-joonhyuk slightly frowned at the two handed sword. How many opportunities would Lee-joonhyuk have to actually be on the offensive? He wished he had a thicker shield instead, but not everything could turn out how he wanted.

-Please use the middle exit to leave.

Lee-joonhyuk had no choice, but to pick up the two handed sword. Soon, a door formed on one side of the room. Lee-joonhyuk entered through the door, and at that moment, he heard a different voice.

-Novice No. 007. Depart.

Lee-joonhyuk laughed bitterly. As Vera had said, when a minion awakens to one ability, one becomes a Novice. Until now there had been over a hundred thousand people who died in the Dimensional Battlefield, but it really seemed like only 7 people including him had awakened to an ability. Lee-joonhyuk headed outside as he lightly warmed up. When he went outside, he saw the sight of shocked minions like last time. However, everyone was a little bit shorter than him. He turned his head in puzzlement when Lee-joonhyuk compared his height to the others.

“Did I grow taller?”

While Lee-joonhyuk was tilting his head in confusion, he was able to see a large man appear. It was a familiar face. It was Atlan.

When he showed up, he looked through the Minions. When his met eyes with Lee-joonhyuk, he grinned.

“You. Follow me.”

Everyone’s gaze turned toward Lee-joonhyuk. Lee-joonhyuk walked toward

him, and he queried.

“Am I the only one who should follow you?”

“No. From you to you, follow me.”

Atlan only pointed towards 10 people. It was significantly less people than before. Before he could ask anything, a man stepped forward.

“What?”

It was a blond man with rough features. When he stepped forward, Lee-joonhyuk frantically moved his body. He knew Atlan’s personality, so Lee-joonhyuk wanted to prevent the other’s death.

However, Atlan was faster than he thought.

Boom!

Atlan’s lept and fell on the man, and he became a bloody mess. The surrounding people quickly retreated. Atlan spoke as he got up.

“Follow me.”

Lee-joonhyuk let out a sigh. If possible, he didn’t want these people to die, but he wasn’t in a position to argue with Atlan. Moreover, he had seen too many souls die in the previous Dimensional Battlefield, so it didn’t trouble his heart as much. (TLN: he became desensitized)

Atlan stepped forward, and the ten people he chose followed nervously after him. Lee-joonhyuk also moved his feet after him. When they left through the door, he saw the same castle wall. Atlan walked quickly out the castle wall, then he turned around to look at them.

“Don’t lag behind.”

After saying this, he turned his back to them. Atlan stepped forward, and Lee-joonhyuk nervously followed closely behind him. Even though he had been here once, he couldn’t let his guard down.

This place was the Dimensional Battlefield. It wouldn’t be strange if one lost one’s head at any moment.

Atlan ran a certain distance outside of the castle wall, then he immediately ran into the forest. Lee-joonhyuk was taken aback by this, so he closed the distance

between Atlan.

“Where are you going?”

Atlan gave a short reply.

“Follow me.”

Since he was very familiar with Atlan’s personality, he followed without saying anything. However, the people behind him didn’t do the same. A very nervous person approached him as they followed Atlan.

Was she around 17 years old? The young girl had memorable large eyes, and she was wearing thick armor. She approached him to speak to him.

“Are you Korean?”

There wasn’t an auto translation on the Dimensional battlefield. If one wanted to use the auto translation then one had to buy the translation pill from the merchants that existed on the Dimensional Battlefield. However, only heroes like Atlan could afford to buy one and eat it. For a single pill, one needed 100 gold, so what else need to be said?

Lee-joonhyuk nodded his head towards the girl who spoke to him.

“I am.”

“W, where is this place?”

Lee-joonhyuk turned back to look at Atlan. He was already running with a sizeable lead. All the others were watching Lee-joonhyuk and the girl. First, Lee-joonhyuk knew nothing good would come from getting farther away from Atlan. The forest had wolves and other monsters. If he encountered them, he would probably die. Lee-joonhyuk had merely awakened to one ability, so it would be impossible for him to face off against the monsters inside this forest. Lee-joonhyuk ran toward Atlan as he spoke.

“I’ll answer all your question in due time, so just follow him.”

First, it was important for them not to lose sight of Atlan. Lee-joonhyuk lead the 10 Minions, and they hurriedly followed after him.

When Lee-joonhyuk didn’t say anything else, everyone followed him in silence.

They didn't dare speak to Atlan, so they followed without complaining.

They had arrived inside the inner part of the forest. When Atlan raised his hand, everyone stopped.

In front of them, there was a pack of wolves. Lee-joonhyuk asked a question when he saw the 10 wolves.

“Are we going to attack them?”

“Yes.”

“Even though there are 10 of them?”

Atlan spoke as he nodded his head.

“Use your body.”

Lee-joonhyuk stepped forward after he sighed.

“Ten seconds.”

“I know.”

Lee-joonhyuk took a deep breath then he darted off in a straight line. The wolves felt Lee-joonhyuk's presence, so they turned to look at him. Lee-joonhyuk knew how precious the 10 seconds was, so he was cautious on when to deploy his barrier.

Amongst the ten ox-sized wolves, one ran toward him first. When the wolf was about to bite Lee-joonhyuk, he activated his barrier. The ivory colored light covered Lee-joonhyuk in a flash. The wolf opened its mouth and it bit down, but the barrier didn't break.

Lee-joonhyuk firmly gripped his two handed sword, then he thrust it at the wolf. The two handed sword pierced deeply into the mouth of the wolf, which was wide open outside the barrier.

Keh-eng~

Lee-joonhyuk twisted the two handed sword, then he ran forward. He still had 6 seconds left. As Lee-joonhyuk ran toward the wolves once again, Atlan revealed himself behind the wolves.

Poohwaaaak.

The wolves caught in the arc of Atlan's sword was chopped up into two pieces. During all of this, Lee-joonhyuk had thrust his sword into the last surviving wolf's head.

After becoming a Novice, he had received this two handed sword, and it seemed to have a higher offensive power. He was able to kill the wolf in one blow.

Atlan looked around his surrounding once, then he turned around to speak to me.

"We'll rest for a little bit."

Lee-joonhyuk picked up the gold coins that was leftover when they killed the wolves. Lee-joonhyuk picked up two gold coins for himself, and four gold coins for Atlan. When Atlan sat down to rest, Lee-joonhyuk asked a question.

"What is your plan?"

"We'll pass through the forest then we'll aim for the enemy's flank."

Lee-joonhyuk looked behind as he queried.

"We are going to do so with this few numbers?"

"Except for you, they won't be of any help any ways."

Atlan spoke as he glanced at Lee-joonhyuk.

"You must have worked hard."

"I have to return alive."

Atlan recognized it when he looked at Lee-joonhyuk. He had increased his physical ability through the method he taught him. Now that he had increased his physical ability he would be able to grow his soul's ability again.

Atlan spoke calmly.

"We'll embark after a 3 minute break."

"Yes."

Lee-joonhyuk headed towards the Minions. They were taken aback at Lee-joonhyuk's ability to kill ox-sized wolves.

Lee-joonhyuk looked over them, and he settled his gaze on the girl.

“What is your name?”

“My name is Kim-sarang.” (TLN: Sarang = Love, bit of a quirky name)

First, Lee-joonhyuk gave her an explanation.

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Lee-joonhyuk nodded his as he continued to speak.

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“How do you know this?”

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“What?”

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“Is it possible?”

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“What do you mean by ability?”

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“Anyone know how to speak English?”

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“I will.”

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Atlan showed interest in his words.

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“Then we are fortunate.”

“How far can you use this?”

“I haven’t verified it yet.”

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“Yes.”

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"Let us move."

Lee-joonhyuk and the ten Minions followed Atlan as they started to move.

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